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BABYSITTER SHIHARU'S HEARTFUL DAYS

# LOVE SO LIFE

Chapter 11

We wish you  
always keep smiling...♥

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...  
even  
though  
we can't  
meet?

Why  
does  
our  
love  
exist  
...

★ Shiharu's father died before she was born, and her mother when she was only five, leaving Shiharu to be raised in an orphanage. When she grew up, she took a part-time job at a nursery to earn money and experience. The Watsunaga twins, who are usually scared of strangers, somehow love Shiharu very much. ♡ When Setji-san, who turned out to be their uncle, saw the situation, he personally asked Shiharu to babysit for them. He asked for her help so he could balance his work and home life. Eventually Shiharu seems to have become an important member of the family, and she will keep doing her best. ♡



Watsunaga Setji (a). The twins' uncle and guardian. A popular TV announcer. Has an ON/OFF switch that allows him to work while exhausted.



Watsunaga Aoi (a) and Akane (a). Shiharu's lovely angels.



Watsunaga Shiharu (tw). Loves children. A high school girl working at a nursery, as well as the at-home babysitter for the Watsunaga twins.

## LOVE SO LIFE



Profiles and Summary ♡



♡ LOVE SO LIFE ♡





not limited  
to an old  
story—...

That  
line  
is...

# Orihime and Hikoboshi

Art by: Hayash

T/N: Tanabata (七夕, meaning "Evening of the seventh") is a Japanese star festival. It celebrates the meeting of Orihime (Vega) and Hikoboshi (Altair).

— AND  
SINCE THEN,  
ONCE A  
YEAR, ON THE  
NIGHT OF  
TANABATA,

IN THE  
CLEAR NIGHT  
SKY, THEY  
WOULD CROSS  
OVER THE  
MILKY  
WAY,

AND  
ORIHIME  
WOULD BE  
ABLE TO  
MEET  
HIKOBOSHI.





THE  
END.

TO COMM-  
EMORATE  
SUCH A  
PRECIOUS  
DAY,

AS ALWAYS,  
THEY YET AGAIN  
PROMISED TO  
WORK HARD  
FOR THE  
NEXT YEAR,  
TOO."

EH  
!?

Zzz...

The  
humid  
rainy  
season  
has left  
us,  
bringing

But  
Shiharu-  
tan's nice,  
pwetty  
voice  
made us  
s'eeepy.

Sow-  
wy.

Haha

Even  
sensei...

WHY IS  
EVERYONE  
SLEEPING?  
IT'S NOT  
NAPTIME  
YET.  
RIGHT  
— !?

the  
season  
in which

T/N: A tanzaku is a rectangular piece of paper used to write wishes on.

IT'S TIME  
TO WRITE  
OUR WISHES  
ON THE  
TANZAKU,\*

AND TIE  
THEM TO  
THE BAM-  
BOO—!

The wind  
rustles  
gently  
through  
the  
bamboo  
leaves,

calling  
for  
summer  
heat.

OH,  
AKANE-  
CHAN.

Shi-  
haru-  
tan!

Orishime  
an'  
Shitoboshi  
...

If the sky  
is clear, they  
will meet,  
wight?!

In the  
nursery,  
every  
year,

THEY  
WILL  
DEFINITELY  
MEET—!

YEP!

THAT'S  
EXACTLY  
RIGHT!

**Tanabata  
is always  
a happy  
and  
eventful  
occasion.**





WHAT  
DO YOU  
WISH  
FOR?

AKANE-  
CHAN,  
AOI-  
KUN...



I  
wanma  
have  
one!!

**A  
Cosmic  
Blade!**



RIGHT——  
AOI-KUN REALLY  
LOVES COSMIC  
RANGERS, EH!

when  
Orishime  
an'  
Shitoboshi  
meet.



for  
Mr.  
Sunny

Akane  
wishes



**Yah,  
Akane**

...

**Not  
want  
bai-bai!**

AKANE-CHAN,  
YOU'RE NOT  
WISHING FOR  
YOURSELF...

YOU'RE  
WISHING  
FOR THOSE 2  
TO BE ABLE  
TO MEET,  
RIGHT?

**Bai-bai  
not  
good**

...

**Bai-bai  
is sad.**

Maybe  
Akane-  
chan

...

Is thinking  
about her  
Papa and  
Mama.



The  
seper-  
ation

Com-  
passion  
for  
them...?

of Ori-  
hime and  
Hiko-  
boshi..



THEY  
WILL  
DEFIN-  
ITELY  
MEET!

THAT'S  
RIGHT  
!

Mi'ky  
Way  
clear —  
!

She thought,  
"Even if they  
want to  
meet, they  
can't".

I'm  
sure

Fukane-chan  
is too young  
to convey her  
feelings well  
with words,  
but

AY  
!





IT'LL BE  
WONDERFUL  
IF IT'S CLEAR  
ON THE 7TH.

I WANT  
HER TO  
HAVE A  
BEAUTIFUL  
CLEAR  
MILKY WAY  
...

ASTROLOGICAL  
OBSERVATIONS  
FOR SUMMER

That  
sadness

Touches  
her soul,  
and she  
feels it

...And now  
for the wea-  
ther. Nakazawa-  
san, what's  
the forecast  
for this  
year's  
Tanabata?

Yes!  
Nakazawa  
here! We're  
not entirely  
certain  
about it  
yet, but

Regretfully,  
there is a  
high chance  
of rain on  
the night  
of Tanabata.







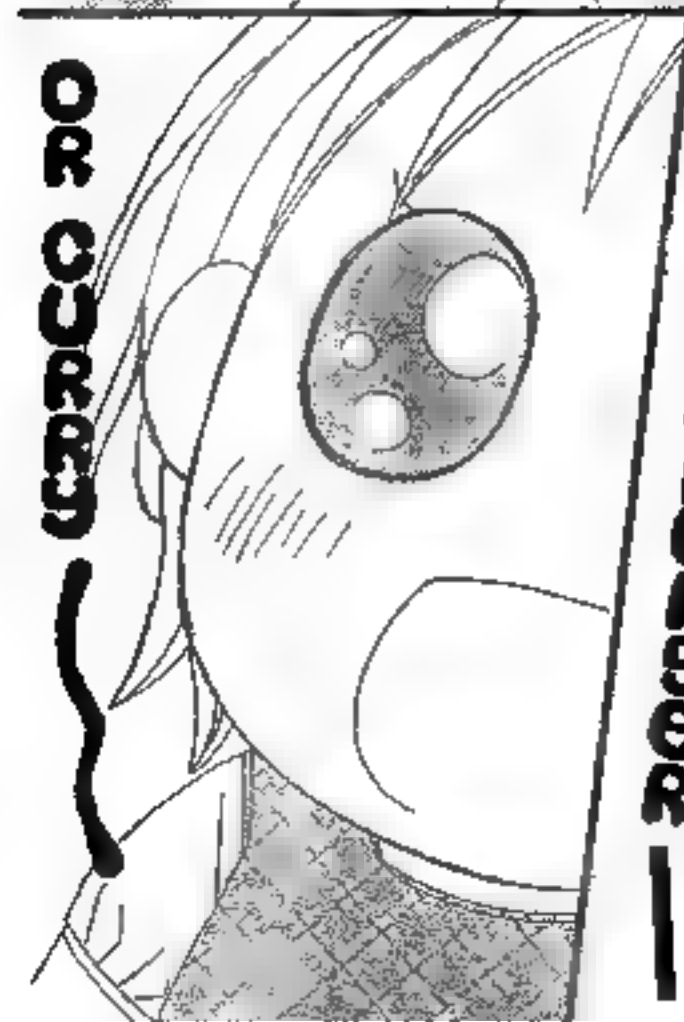
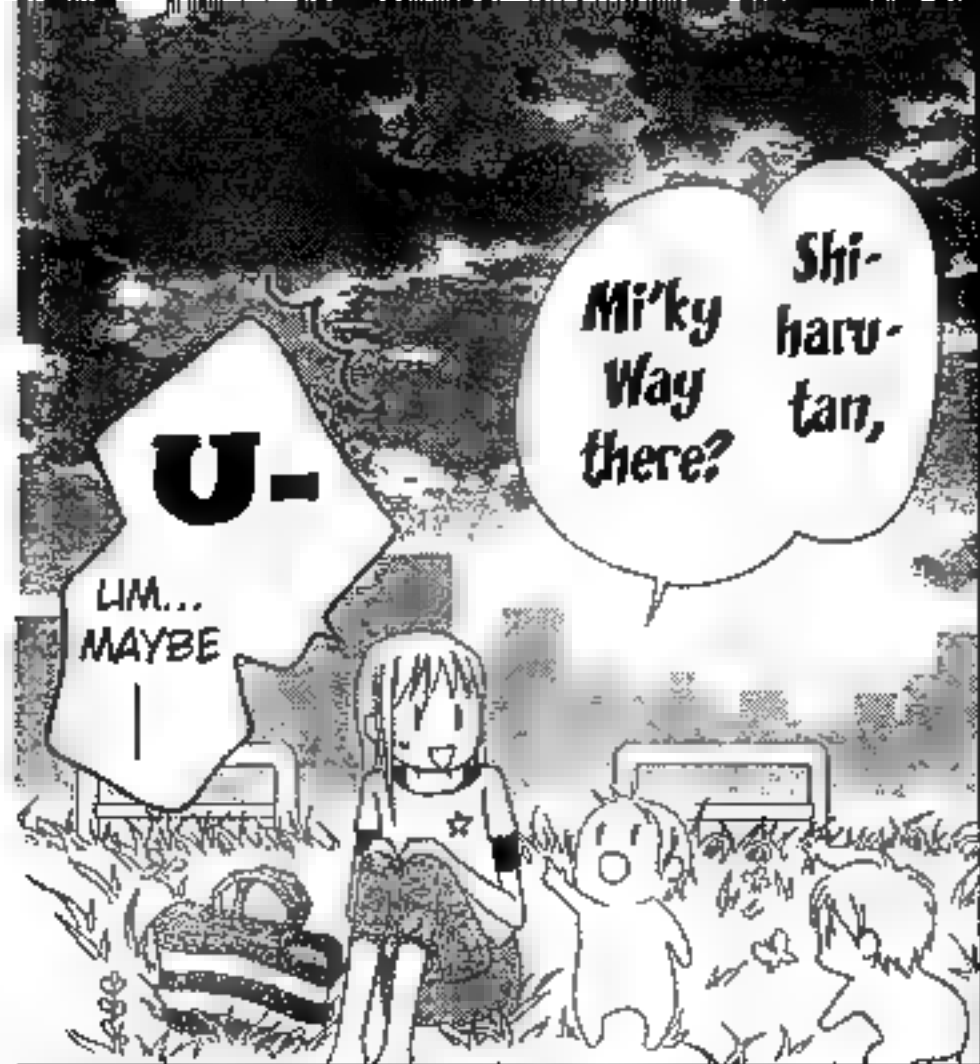
SHI-  
HARU-  
TAN

The Night of  
Tanabata

Ori-  
shime  
an'  
Shito-  
boshi  
Wead,  
pwease.







花とゆめコミックス  
大好評発売中

秀 姿 秀 姿  
LOVE SOLI

①巻  
こうち  
楓 かえで

楓



I can't  
tell her  
it might  
rain  
???

I can't  
say it, I  
absolutely  
cannot  
say it!

?

A  
...  
AKANE-  
CHAN

slide

We're  
really  
sorry about  
the weather  
on the 7th

But with  
the high  
probability  
of rain,

the Milky  
Way will  
most  
likely

Now let's  
review  
next  
week's  
weather  
forecast.

LET'S MAKE  
A PAPER CLIP  
PHONE, OKAY,  
LET'S DO IT  
!!

S-S-SAY,  
AKANE-  
CHAN!?

Mi'ky  
Way...







AKANE-CHAN  
IS REALLY  
LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
TANABATA...

AND IF IT  
RAINS,  
SHE  
WON'T  
BE ABLE  
TO SEE  
THE  
MILKY  
ORIHIME AND  
WAY,  
HIKOBOSHI  
WON'T BE  
ABLE TO  
SEE EACH  
OTHER,

CAUSE

WHY  
DO  
YOU  
HAVE A  
THREAD  
PHONE  
...?

I KNOW  
THAT  
ALREADY,  
BUT...

SO IF IT  
RAINS THAT  
DAY, SHE'LL  
BE REALLY  
UPSET ABOUT  
IT.

THAT'S WHY,  
I WANTED  
TO CHEER HER  
UP, EVEN IF  
IT WAS JUST  
A LITTLE...

So you made  
the thread phone...

GOOD  
THINGS  
DON'T  
ALWAYS  
HAPPEN.

... BUT ...

YOU CAN'T  
AVOID THE  
UNWANTED  
THINGS BY  
PUSHING  
THEM AWAY,  
RIGHT?

The Night of  
Tanabata





IF IT  
RAINS,

IT MAY  
BE A  
SHOCK  
TO HER,  
BUT...

IN  
THIS  
WORLD,

THINGS  
DON'T  
ALWAYS  
TURN OUT  
THE WAY  
WE WANT  
THEM TO.

Ah, it  
broke



!

...  
That's  
true



MATSU-  
NAGA-  
SAN  
IS AN  
ADULT...

but it  
really  
is  
true



Unfulfilled  
wishes...

And  
reality,  
too—

SHIHARU,  
SHIHARU!

DOESN'T HE  
LOOK LIKE  
MATSUNAGA  
SEIJI, THAT  
HOT AN-  
NOUNCER?

I THOUGHT  
I'D SEEN HIM  
SOMEWHERE  
BEFORE,  
BUT — ...

AH...  
UH...Y-  
YEAH...

HEY, HEY,  
WAS THE GUY  
I MET THAT  
TIME THE  
SAME GUY  
YOU WORK  
FOR PART-  
TIME?

What's his name  
again—



In  
reality...

Does.. Does  
he look the  
same? I  
wonder—

AH...  
Y-  
YEAH  
...

right?  
right?

It's Matsunaga-san's  
private household infor-  
mation, I can't just tell  
anybody about it because  
I want to..

It's not exactly  
a secret, but —

But I  
can't lie..

AH—!

EH?

WHAT, ♡  
WHAT!?

I...

ISN'T  
THAT...  
THAT'S THE  
GUY FROM  
NW!

I ALWAYS  
MEANT TO  
TELL YOU  
THIS, RIO,  
BUT...



HIS KIND  
ALWAYS HAVE  
SOMETHING  
THEY'RE  
TRYING TO  
HIDE.

THAT  
BEING  
SAID,

HE'S  
COOL,—  
ALRIGHT—  
HE'S  
SERIOUS—  
OKAY—

R  
E  
A  
L  
L  
Y?

I DON'T  
LIKE HIM  
ONE  
BIT~~~~

THIS GUY,  
HE REEKS  
OF UN-  
PLEAS-  
ENTRY



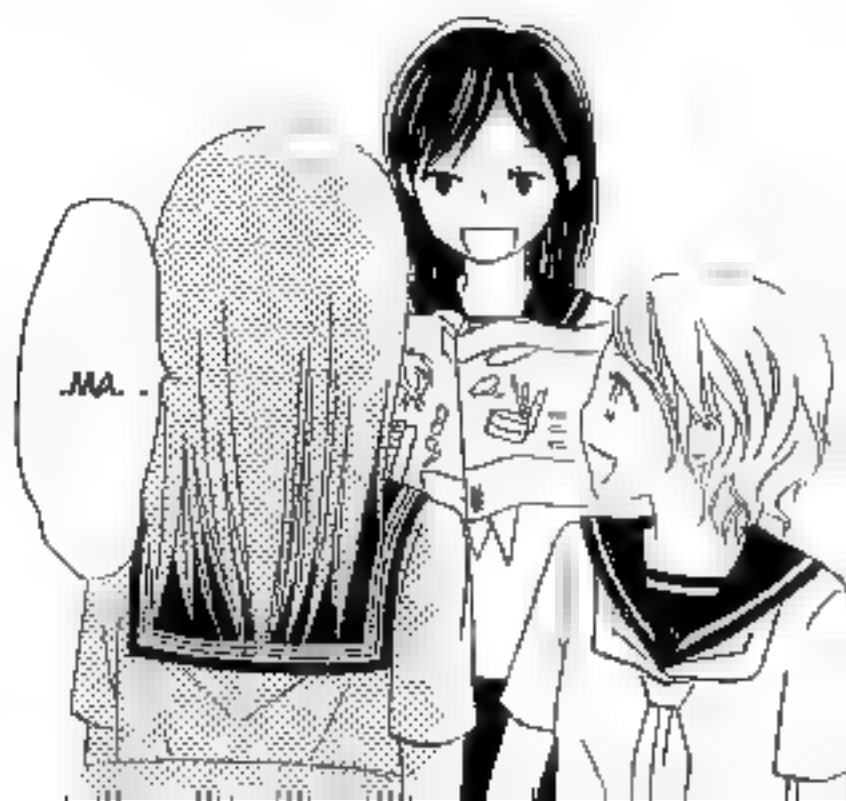
MATSU-  
NAGA-  
SAN...

IS NOT  
THAT  
KIND OF  
PERSON  
...

NO MATTER  
WHAT HE'S  
REPORTING,  
HE ALWAYS  
HAS THAT  
SERIOUS  
LOOK.

What a poker-  
face, how  
suspicious~~~~

LOOK, ON POLITI-  
CAL MATTERS,  
GOVERNMENTAL  
NEWS, EVEN PA-  
PARAZZI EVENTS  
AND ROMANTIC  
CRISES —







Because

to let unago-sur



or

?

HOW DO  
YOU  
KNOW IF  
HE IS OR  
ISNT — ?

even though it  
means giving  
up his normal  
life

but he still takes  
care of his  
brother's children  
by himself

But still  
every day he  
tries his  
best —

Is already busy  
with his own  
workload



ТНА.

Nice speech,  
though

SHIHARU

EH!?

I... I  
DIDN'T  
MEAN—  
!!

Are you really?  
Sorry, then

I DIDN'T  
KNOW  
YOU  
WERE  
SUCH A  
BIG FAN  
OF HIS...

Enough...

So complicated...!!

YEAH,  
YEAH,  
DON'T  
BE SO  
SHY

I'M NOT THAT'S  
HIS FAN NOT  
OR ANY- IT...  
THING...

**Tanabata  
today!?**

**Shiharu-  
tan**

**ORSE**

...AH,

STILL  
TWO  
SLEEPS,  
I  
THINK —  
...

**Two  
sleeps!**



TAN-  
ABATA  
DAY—...

Yah

...SAY,  
AKANE-  
CHAN.

IF  
THERE'S  
EVEN A  
LITTLE  
CHANCE  
THAT IT  
RAINS...



NO = RAIN  
MEET



THEN  
LET'S  
MAKE A  
BOUZU\*

A L R I G H T ,

AND ASK  
THE SKY  
NOT TO  
RAIN, OKAY?

I KNEW  
IT...  
SHE'S  
LOOKING  
FOR-  
WARD TO  
IT SO  
MUCH...

No  
rain!!



I/N Teru Teru Bouzu: a small traditional hand-made doll made of white paper or cloth that the Japanese believe brings good weather Teru=sunshine, and Bouzu=a buddhist monk with a bald head.

**Make  
!**

Even if it  
doesn't turn  
out the way  
we want,







It's  
better  
to try  
this  
than to  
do  
nothing  
—!

As  
expected,  
reality isn't  
that easy to  
change.

**July 7th**

—... But  
that is  
to say

oh...

are  
like a  
weight  
on my  
chest.

THE  
WAY WE  
WANT  
THEM  
TO.

THINGS  
DON'T  
ALWAYS  
TURN  
OUT

Matsu-

naga-  
san's  
words



.....

**AW  
AA  
HA  
!-A**

**SEE  
MI'KY  
WAY—**

WEL...  
WELCOME  
HOME...!

W...

AH—  
...

SHE'S  
ALREADY  
AT IT...

WAAAAH!!!

I'M  
HOME

Want  
Orishime  
an'  
say  
hello—! Shitoboshi





EVEN THE  
RAIN  
CLOUDS  
ARE  
BEING  
BLOWN  
AWAY.

WELL... I  
THINK IT'S  
PROBABLY  
BECAUSE OF  
THE STRONG  
WIND TODAY.

THE  
TERU  
TERU  
BOUZU...

BECAUSE  
THEY WERE  
TOO  
HEAVY...

I  
A  
H  
...  
!

?

IT'S  
WORTH A  
SHOT TO  
MOVE TO  
HIGH  
GROUND.

I DON'T  
THINK  
WE'LL BE  
ABLE TO  
SEE THE  
MILKY WAY,  
BUT

We may  
even see the  
stars.

EH...

Just a little while  
ago, those rain  
clouds covered the  
sky —...

He's an adult,  
accepting reality  
as it is

LET'S  
SETTLE  
FOR THE  
NIGHT  
SKY, IN-  
STEAD.

Heave-Ho!



That's right, he's  
different from his  
image on  
TV—



The  
Matsunaga-san  
that no one else  
knows—

Gentle  
and  
caring





BUT  
BEYOND  
THOSE  
CLOUDS,

ON THE  
MILKY WAY,  
ORIHOME  
AND HIKO-  
BOSHI —...

RIGHT  
NOW—...  
THERE ARE  
STILL  
SOME  
CLOUDS IN  
THE SKY



ARE  
MEETING  
HAPPILY  
WITH EACH  
OTHER!





IT  
MUST  
BE...!

I HEARD  
TWO  
VOICES  
COMING  
FROM  
THE  
SKY...!

...  
HUH!?

JUST  
NOW...!

THEY  
STOPPED  
TALKING

HUH?


Where?

Where?

BUT, AKANE-  
CHAN, I  
COULD HEAR  
THEM SAYING  
"THANK YOU"  
TO YOU!

ISN'T  
THAT  
GREAT!?

EH-  
-  
-!



In  
the night  
sky

beyond  
the clouds

important  
feelings

will surely be  
delivered.





# LOVE SO LIFE



Chapter 12

For  
example,

brushing my  
teeth at night

...THEN,  
MAMA  
WILL HELP  
YOU FINISH  
UP.

SAY  
"KAKA"  
"NANA"

[I DON'  
WANNA~~~]

DO YOU  
WANT YOUR  
TEETH TO  
ROT?





[EH—?  
IT'S FINE]

or after  
coming out  
of the bath

...

NO! YOU'LL  
CATCH A  
COLD IF  
IT'S NOT  
DRIED  
PROPERLY.


COME  
HERE

I'LL  
HELP  
YOU DRY  
YOUR  
HAIR.

SHIHARU,

and is  
naturally  
filled with  
happiness.

Every  
day  
repeats  
itself.

A black and white illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, there's a fence made of wooden posts and rails, with some foliage on the left. Behind the fence, there are several trees of different shapes and sizes. The background is a bright, cloudy sky. The overall style is a simple line drawing with some shading.

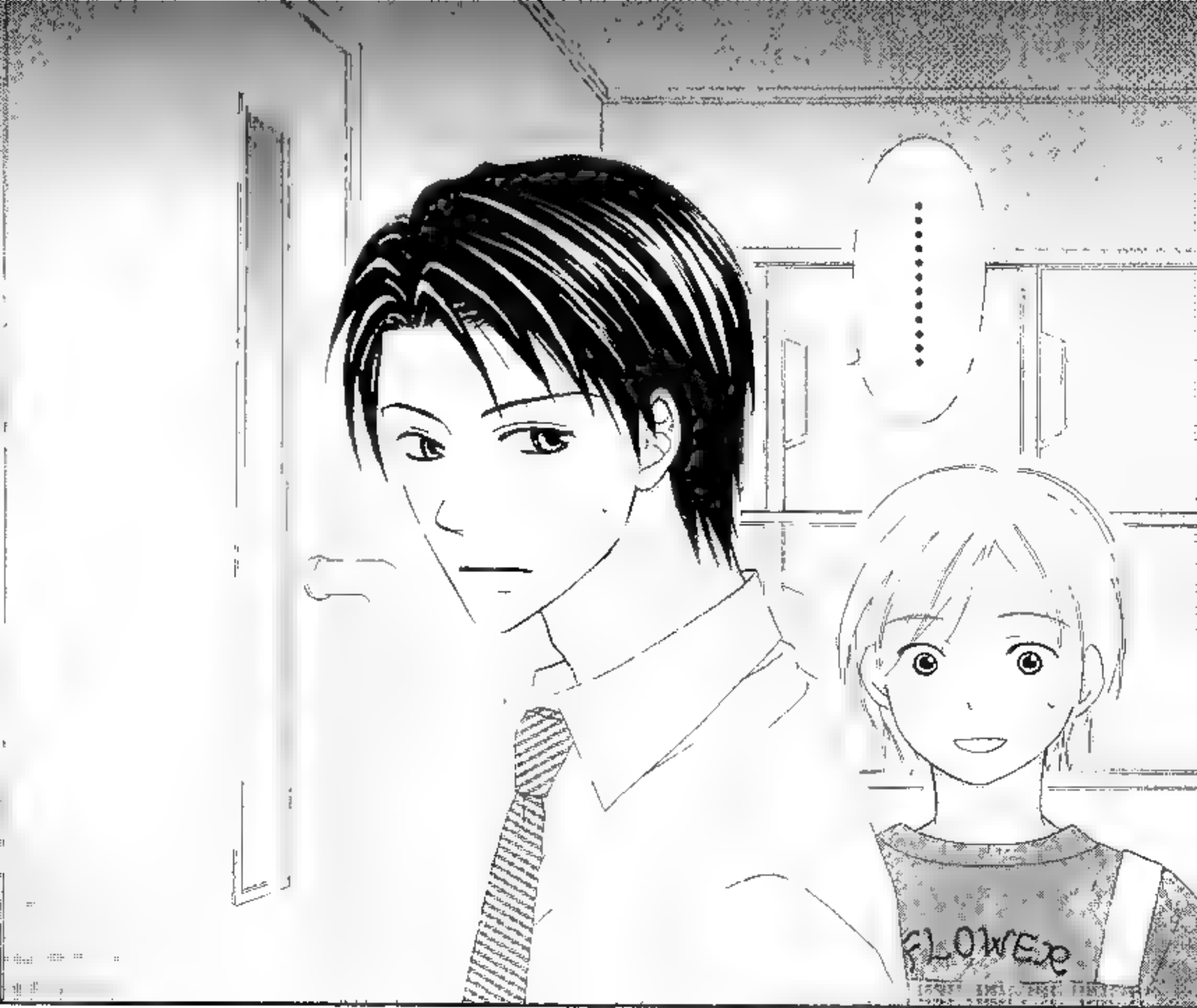
When  
I was  
young,

those days  
passed  
without my  
understanding

just how  
precious that  
time was.











...  
VISITING  
A GRAVE  
...  
?

SO  
EVEN THOUGH  
SHIHARU-CHAN  
ISN'T HERE, LET'S  
PUT UP WITH IT,  
ALRIGHT?



SHE JUST  
SAID IT WAS  
"AN IMPORT-  
ANT APPOINT-  
MENT"...

N  
O

...AH? I  
THOUGHT  
YOU  
KNEW.

Y  
E  
S



T/N Obon (お盆) is a Japanese Buddhist custom to honor the deceased spirits of one's ancestors. It has evolved into a family reunion holiday during which people return to ancestral family places and visit and clean their ancestors' graves, and when the spirits of ancestors are supposed to revisit the household altars.

SHIHARU-  
CHAN ALWAYS  
TAKES THE  
OBON  
FESTIVAL\*  
OFF

TO VISIT  
HER  
PARENTS'  
GRAVES.

T  
H  
A  
T  
,  
S



AS  
I  
THOU-  
GHT

GOING  
"ALONE"

...  
?



ALRIGHT!





IT'S  
SPARK-  
LING  
CLEAN  
!!



HOW WAS THAT!?  
I CLEANED IT  
THOROUGHLY,  
RIGHT, MAMA!?

k  
w  
r  
e  
e

k  
w  
r  
e  
e





RIGHT  
NOW,  
I'M

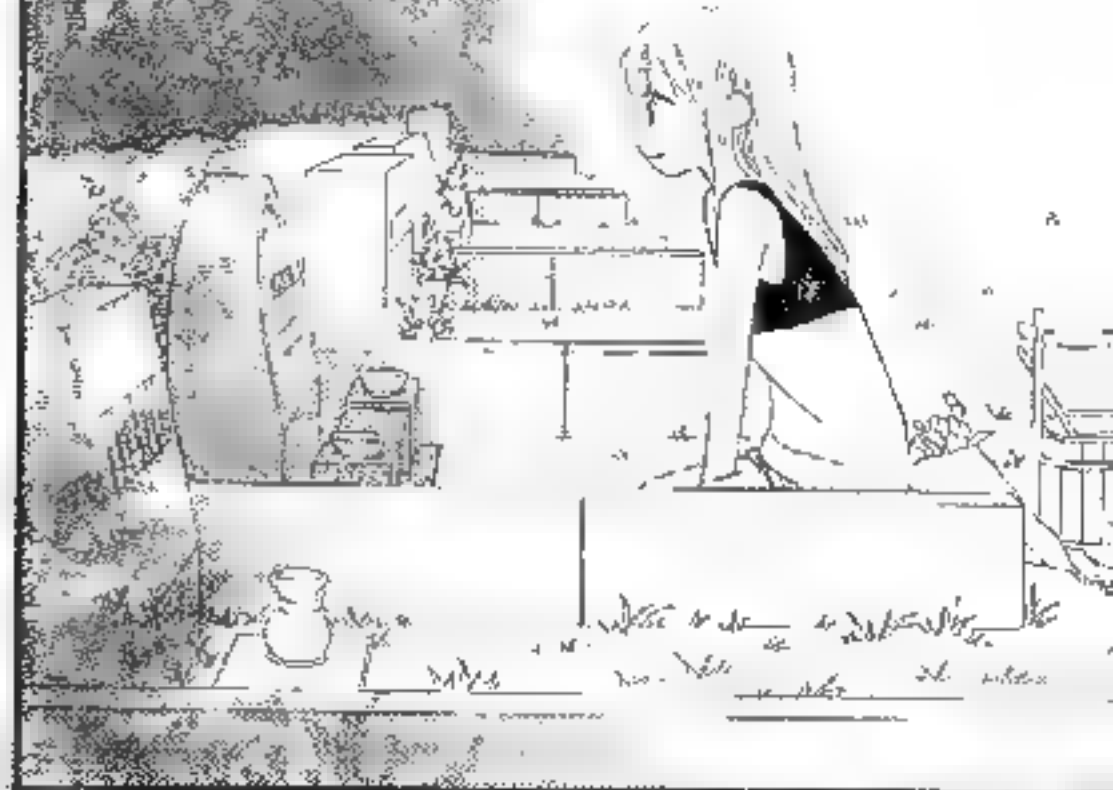
WORKING  
PART-TIME  
AT A  
NURSERY.  
AND —

AS A  
BABY-  
SITTER,  
TOO.



IT'S  
BEEN  
A  
WHILE,

...  
MAMA

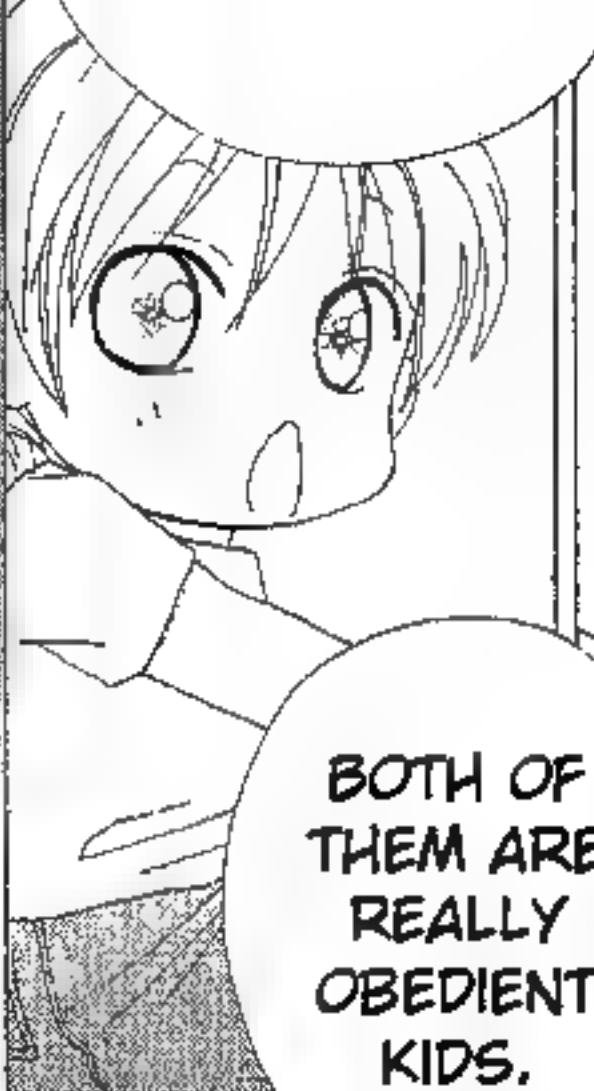


THEY'RE  
TWINS, A  
BOY AND  
A GIRL!

I BABY-  
SIT FOR  
TWO *VERY*  
CUTE  
TODDLERS.





Aoi is a young boy with short, light-colored hair and large, expressive eyes. He is looking upwards with a surprised or excited expression, his mouth slightly open.

AOI, ON THE OTHER  
HAND, HAS GREAT  
CONCENTRATION  
SKILLS LIKE AN  
ADULT, BUT HE'S  
A REALLY SPOILT  
CHILD.

Akane-chan is a young girl with short, dark hair and a wide, happy smile. She is wearing a patterned dress and looking directly at the viewer.

AKANE-CHAN  
IS ENERGETIC  
AND ACTIVE. SHE'S  
CUTE WHEN SHE  
SMILES AND IS  
ALWAYS LOOKING  
FORWARD.

EVEN  
THOUGH  
THEY'RE SPIT-  
TING IMAGES  
OF EACH  
OTHER,

BOTH OF  
THEM ARE  
REALLY  
OBEDIENT  
KIDS.

Two children are walking towards the right. The one in front is a boy with short hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and dark shorts. The one behind is a girl with short hair, wearing a patterned dress. Both are looking forward.

THEY  
ALREADY  
HAVE THEIR  
OWN PERSON-  
ALITIES.

Matsunaga-san is a man with dark hair, wearing a suit and tie. He is looking down at a clipboard he is holding in his hands, with a serious expression.

HE'S REALLY  
SERIOUS AT  
WORK, AND  
TRIES HARD TO  
MAINTAIN A  
GOOD IMAGE,  
SO

THE ONE  
LOOKING  
AFTER THE  
TWO OF  
THEM

IS THEIR  
UNCLE,  
MATSUNAGA-  
SAN, BUT

Aoi is shown from the chest up, looking towards the viewer with a surprised expression. He has short, light-colored hair and large eyes.

... ALSO



A  
REALLY  
WARM  
PERSON  
...

BUT  
HE'S

AND  
HE  
BE-  
COMES  
REALLY  
WEAK  
...

WHEN  
HE GETS  
HOME, HIS  
ENGINE  
TURNS  
OFF,



chatter

chatter





WAS IT  
REALLY  
THAT  
LONG  
AGO?

THAT'S  
BECAUSE  
I WAS IN  
NURSERY  
SCHOOL  
THE LAST  
TIME I  
CAME  
HERE.

EH?

YOU  
DON'T  
REMEM-  
BER?

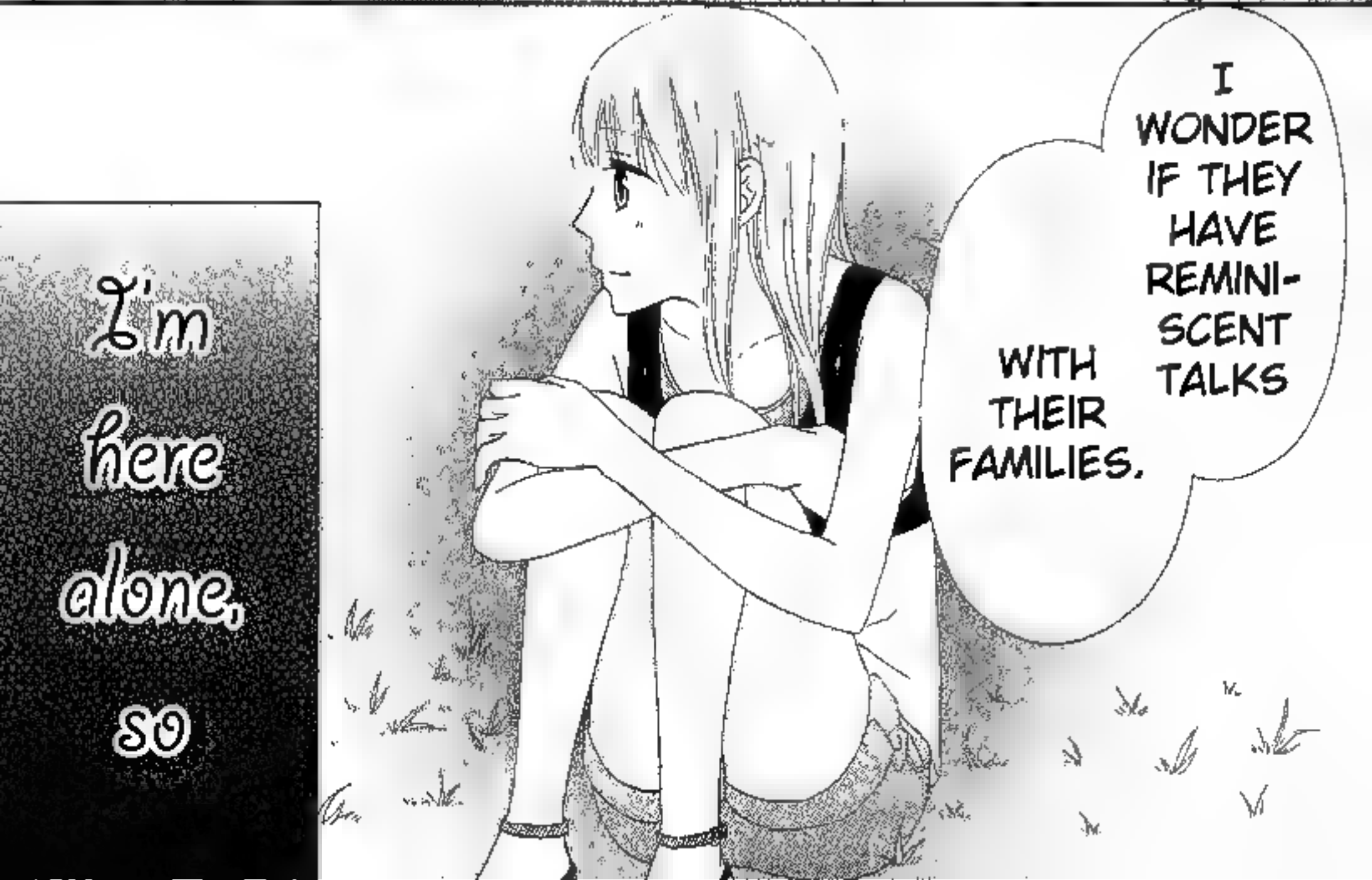
WHERE'S  
GRANDMA'S  
GRAVE  
|  
?



LOOKS  
FUN.

AND  
LIVELI-  
NESS WHILE  
VISITING  
A GRAVE

...  
THAT  
ATMOS-  
PHERE



I'm  
here  
alone.

SO

WITH  
THEIR  
FAMILIES.

I  
WONDER  
IF THEY  
HAVE  
REMINI-  
SCENT  
TALKS

I feel  
a bit

lonely

11  
years  
ago

When I  
lost my  
mother and  
was feeling  
all "alone"...

I was  
sent to  
a welfare  
institution.

I  
threw  
tantrums.

CLATTER

MAMA  
HAS TO  
HELP  
FINISH  
UP!

WANNA  
BRUSH  
TEETH  
WITH  
MAMA  
!

**NO**  
!



AH  
...

NO,  
NO, NO,  
MAMA  
!!

THAT  
IS  
A  
PROB-  
LEM  
...

SENSEI  
CAN'T  
DO IT  
?

LOOK,  
SHI-  
HARU-  
CHAN

ISN'T IT  
REMARKABLE  
THAT EVERY-  
ONE IS BRUSH-  
ING THEIR  
TEETH BY  
THEMSELVES?

I don't  
know

Where  
is  
Mama?

Why  
isn't  
she here?

I  
don't  
care

I want  
to see  
Mama

After  
losing  
my mother,  
for a while

those were  
the thoughts  
I kept having.



SHE GETS  
VIOLENT WHEN  
WE FAIL TO  
COMFORT HER,  
SO LET'S TRY  
TO BE MORE  
GENTLE...

YEAH, YOU'RE  
RIGHT. IF WE  
DON'T KEEP AN  
EYE ON HER  
AND SHE HURTS  
THE OTHER  
CHILDREN...



DR



brush  
brush

squeezes

OP



brush  
brush



grin

At the  
institute

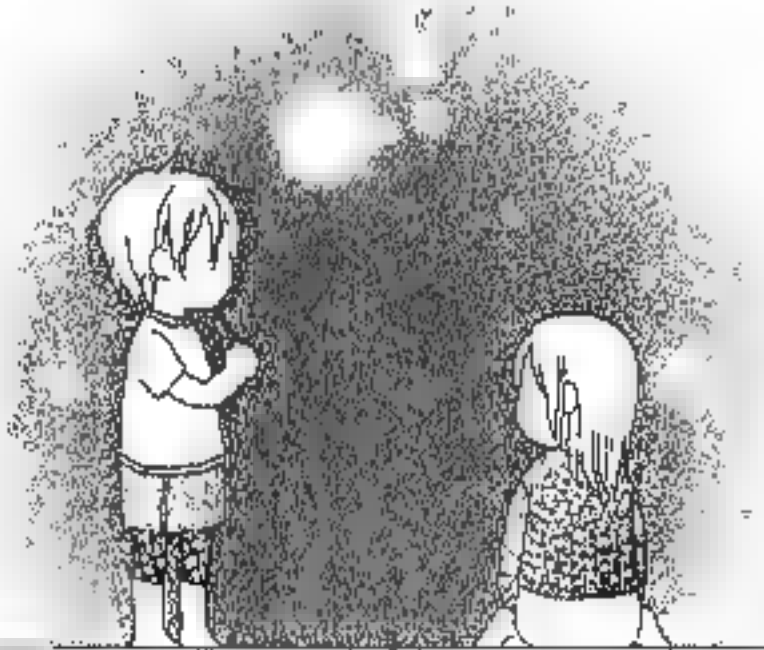


AH

IT  
FELL  
...

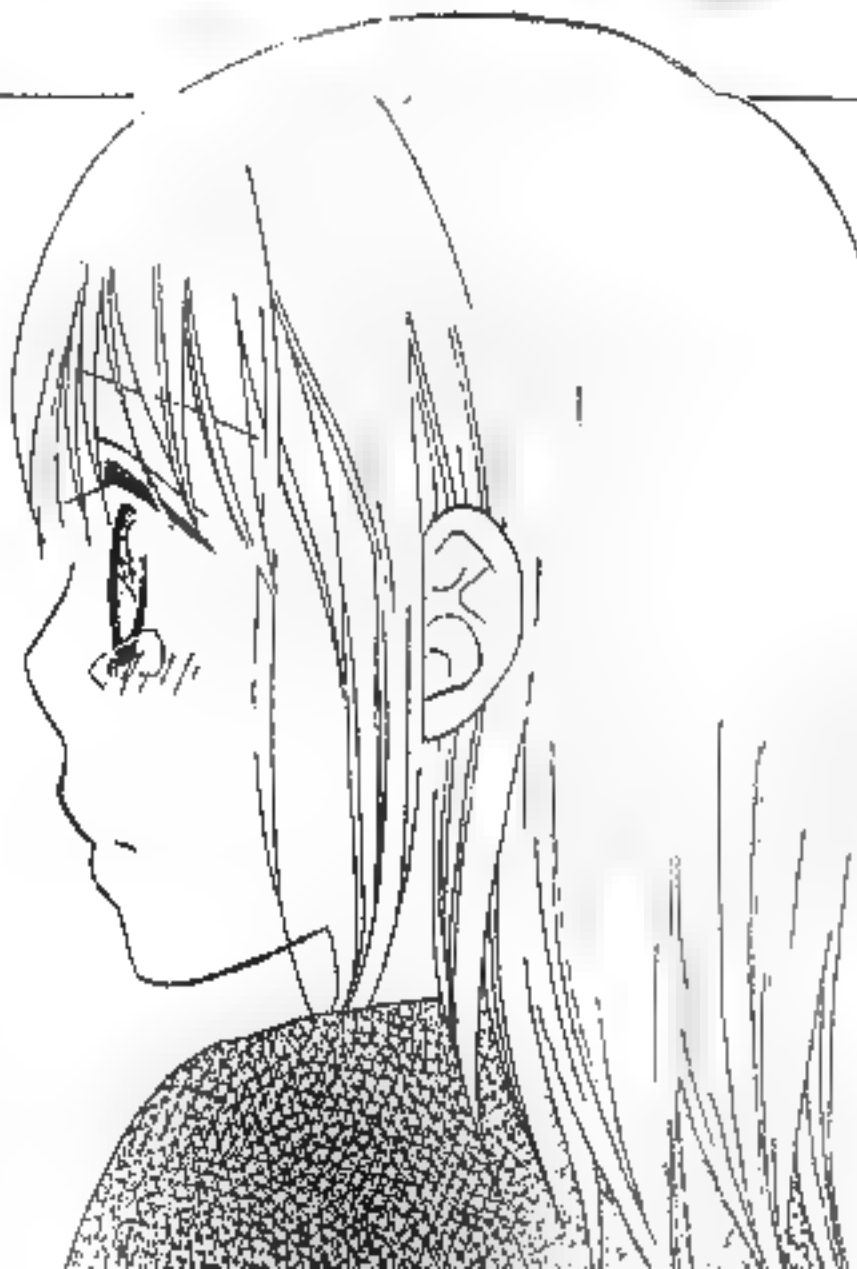


Even so,  
everyone



there were  
also kids  
that had  
lived there  
since they  
were born.

living life  
to the best  
of their  
ability.



was standing  
on their own  
two feet,



Suddenly



I somehow

thought of myself, who  
was always crying.



THAT  
TOOTH-  
BRUSH



YOU  
SHOULD  
WASH IT  
SINCE IT  
FELL.

as embarrassing.



I'LL  
HELP YOU  
FINISH  
UP.



Something  
I  
received  
from  
Mama



I'm not  
sure

if I can  
spread it to  
other people

B  
U  
T

AS I  
THOU-  
GHT

MAMA  
REALLY  
PAMPERED  
ME A  
LOT

AND  
ALSO  
TAUGHT  
ME

A  
LOT  
OF  
THINGS  
...



Thinking back, a friend of mine told me to "write something more interesting instead of your grumbles" in this space, and I did some reflecting.

I felt very pressured by my friend's honest comment

But, after receiving kind words of encouragement from the readers' letters, such as "It must have been tough" and "thank you for the hard work!", it felt like all my hard work had paid off

Still, I would like to apologize to my readers if I haven't done well in any area.

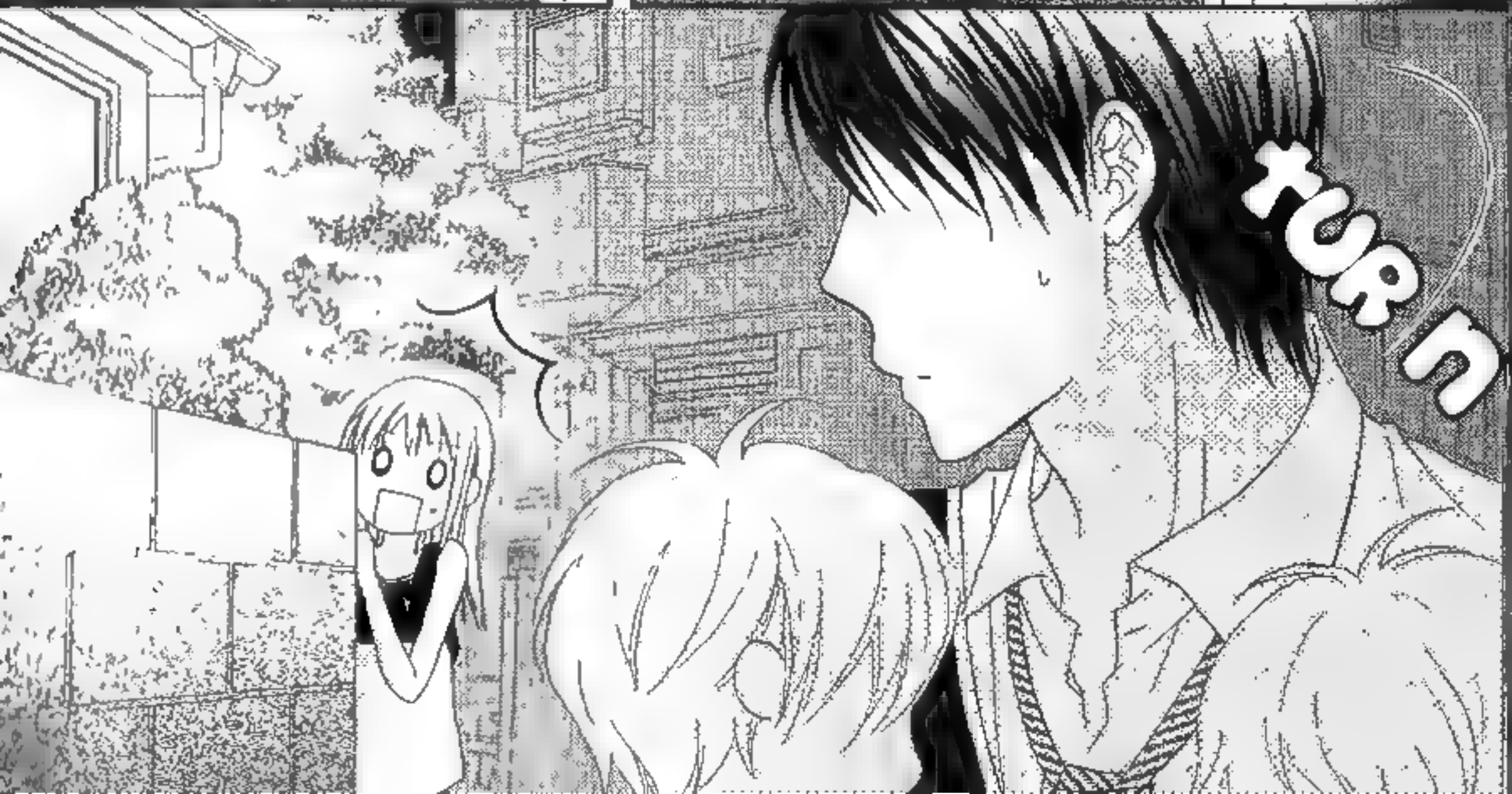
Lastly, I hope to present a work that everyone who has been patient with me, can look forward to.



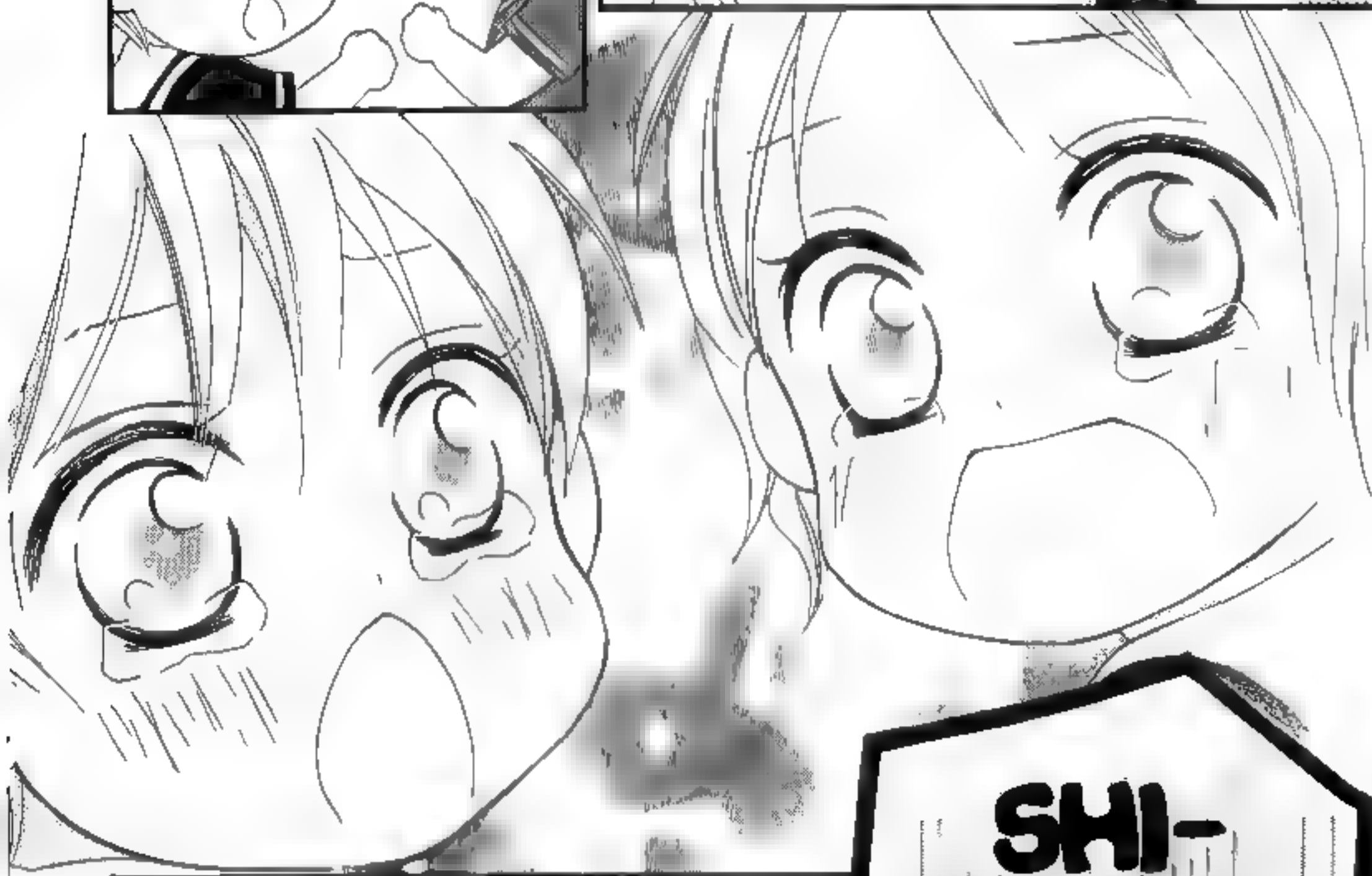














**Welkum  
home**

**POUNCE**

I'M NOT  
EVEN  
WORKING  
TODAY  
...

BUT  
I  
STILL  
CAME  
HERE  
ON MY  
OWN...

AH...  
THAT,  
UH,  
TODAY  
...

EH  
...

WHY WERE  
YOU HIDING  
IN SUCH A  
PLACE...

I'm sorry



THE  
HOUSE  
KEY THAT  
I GAVE  
YOU

YOU  
CAN USE  
IT ANY  
TIME YOU  
LIKE.



SO  
YOU  
SHOULD  
SAY,  
"WE'RE  
HOME".

Right?

TODAY  
NAKA-  
MURA-  
SAN  
WAITED  
FOR US,

**Welcum  
home**

**Sei-tan!  
Shiharu-  
tan is  
here**

!!







I'm not  
taking  
it for  
granted.

"Every  
day"  
is  
like a  
precious  
miracle



WELCOME  
HOME  
....!

that  
warms  
my  
chest.

This gentle  
period  
of time



# LOVE SO LIFE

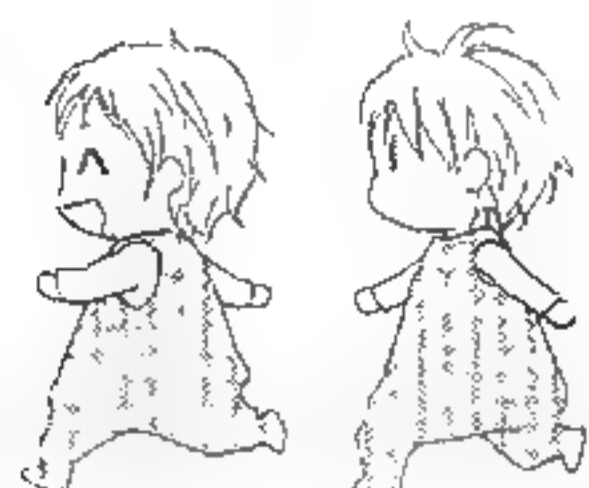


Chapter 13

**It's  
sum-  
mer**

**And  
!**

**we  
went  
to a  
camp-  
site.**



THEY  
EVEN HAVE  
BARBEQUE  
FACILITIES  
HERE!

W  
O  
W  
AMA-  
ZING!!

IT LOOKS  
LIKE THERE'S  
A STREAM  
OVER THAT  
WAY!!

Let's go and  
have a look!!

Could this be  
your first time  
at a barbeque..?

SHI-  
HARU-  
CHIN  
...

It  
all  
started

2  
weeks  
ago



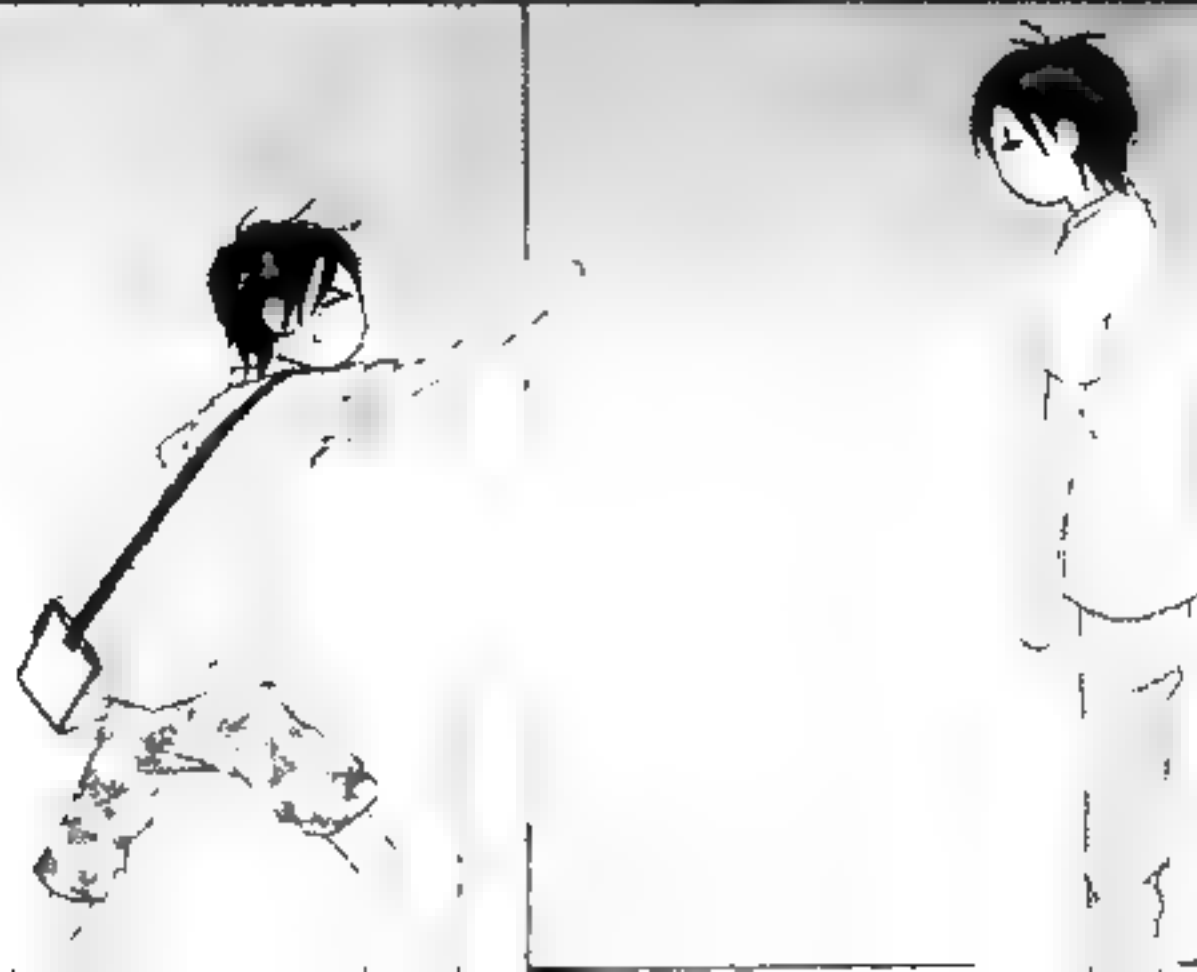


SEI-  
CHAN  
!!

and  
came  
like a  
storm.

PLEASE  
LEND ME  
YOUR  
REFRIG-  
ERATOR.

Barges  
in





SUDDENLY  
APPEARING AT  
SOMEBODY'S  
HOUSE IN THE  
MIDDLE OF  
THE NIGHT TO  
BORROW  
A FRIDGE

Y  
O  
U  
.  
.  
.

TA-  
KE-  
RU  
...

totter totter

HAS  
ANYBODY  
EVER TOLD  
YOU THAT  
YOU "LACK  
COMMON  
SENSE"  
...?



I MADE  
A MISTAKE  
WHEN  
ORDERING  
FOR MY PART-  
TIME JOB,

WELL,  
JUST  
HEAR  
ME  
OUT.

AND  
BOUGHT  
3KG OF  
BEEF

3  
KG\*  
!?

T/N 3kg 6 6 lbs



AHAHAHAHA,  
SORRY, SORRY,  
IT'S BECAUSE  
EVERYTHING  
WILL ROT IF  
I DON'T DO  
THIS——

Stop  
Stop

DON'T  
JUST  
WALK  
IN LIKE  
THAT

AH, AND  
FINISH THESE,  
ALRIGHT?  
HOW ABOUT A  
BARBEQUE!?

I'LL  
GIVE  
SEI-CHAN  
A SPECIAL  
20%  
DISCOUNT

I STILL  
HAVE LEFT-  
OVERS, EVEN  
AFTER SELLING  
IT OFF TO  
MY FRIENDS



**DON'T  
JUST SAY  
WHAT-  
EVER YOU  
PLEASE!**



INVITE SHIHARU-  
CHIN! I'LL BE IN  
CHARGE OF THE  
BARBEQUE VENUE,  
SO SEI-TAN, YOU'RE  
IN CHARGE OF  
TRANSPORTATION!







AHH

ABOUT THE  
CHARCOAL...  
WOULDN'T IT BE  
BETTER TO GO TO  
THE RECEPTION  
FIRST, IN  
CASE THERE'S  
BEEN A RES-  
ERVATION?

NAKAMURA-  
SAN, PLEASE  
DON'T MIND  
THAT AND  
JUST HAVE  
FUN TODAY.



and  
also

to create  
summer  
memories,  
we

went  
some-  
where  
a little  
further.

YOU SHOULD  
TAKE IT EASY  
AND ENJOY  
YOURSELF  
NOW AND  
THEN.

IT'S  
BECAUSE  
YOU'RE  
ALWAYS  
TAKING CARE  
OF THESE  
TWO.

I was the one who  
invited you anyway.



3

When writing the third volume, I had to go down to TBS radio once to collect data.

At the program called "KAKIIN" many genres of music were broadcasted, and guests were invited to sing and talk live. It's a really interesting show. I was also able to listen to the TBS announcer, Mr. Komada Kengo.

He's a real male announcer on active duty.

I was surprised by his radiance.



B...

EH

...

BUT

...

I enjoy taking care of the two of them

**RIGHT, RIGHT!  
LET'S PLAY,  
SHIHARU-  
CHIN!**

NAKAMURA-SAN IS STILL YOUNG, IT'S GOOD TO PLAY LIKE A REGULAR TEENAGER FROM TIME TO —







He's full of energy

Shiharu

LET'S GO AND SEE!!

LOOKS LIKE THE STREAM'S THIS WAY!

EH

UHM

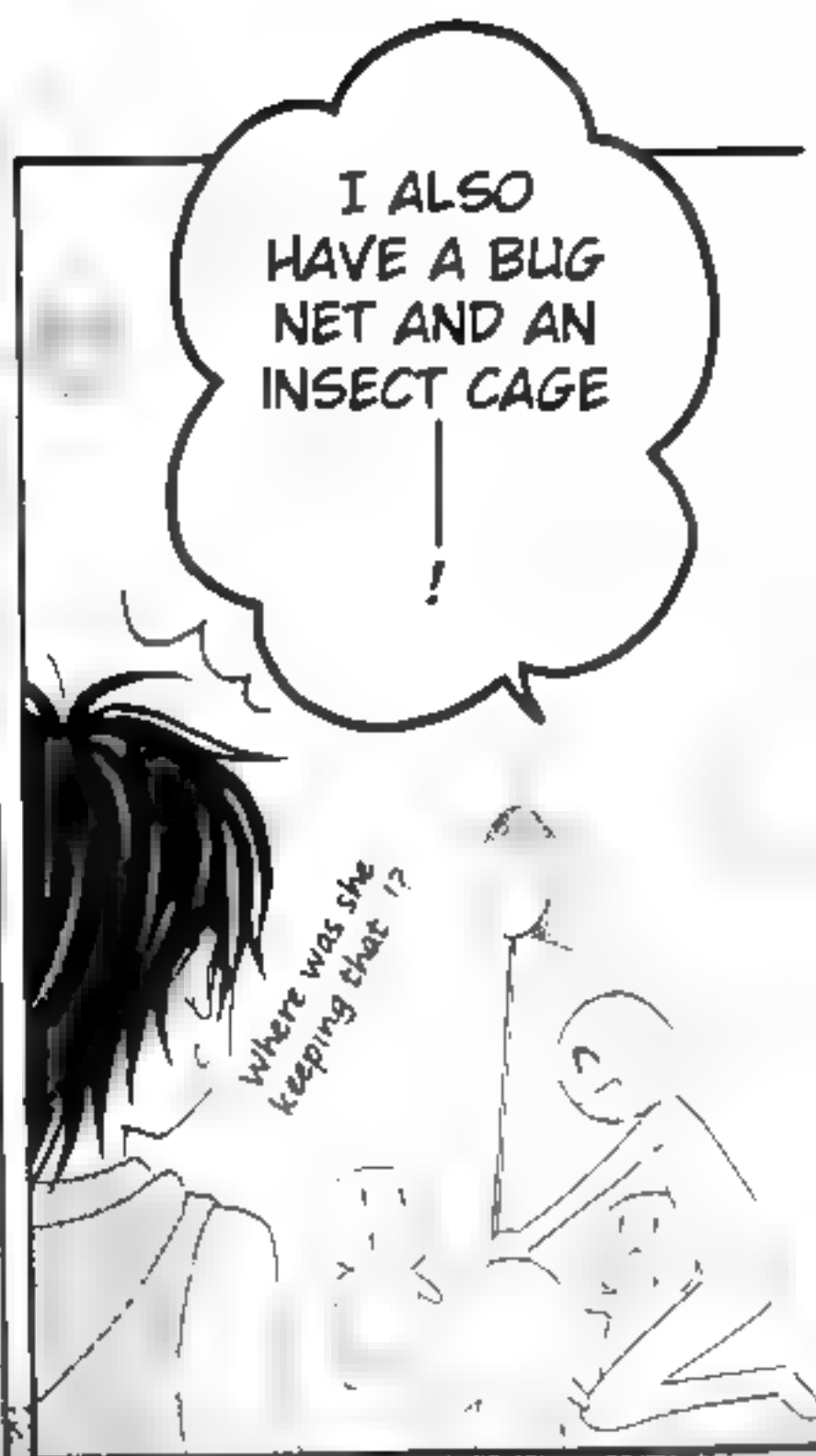
WOW

IT'S BEAU-TIFUL











AH, NO...  
IT'S  
ALRIGHT.

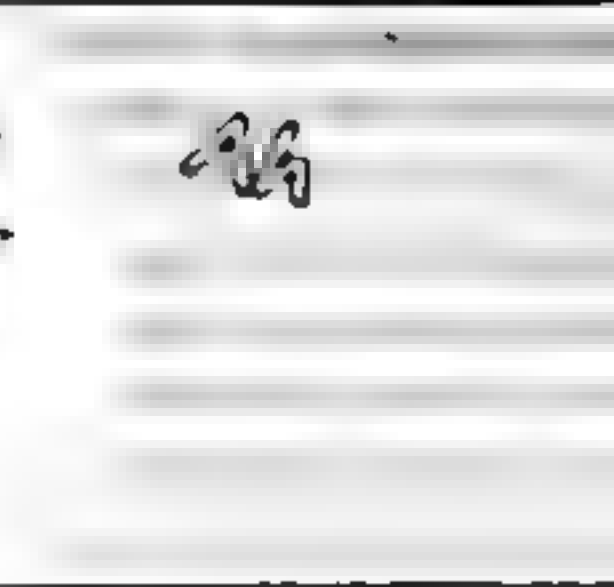
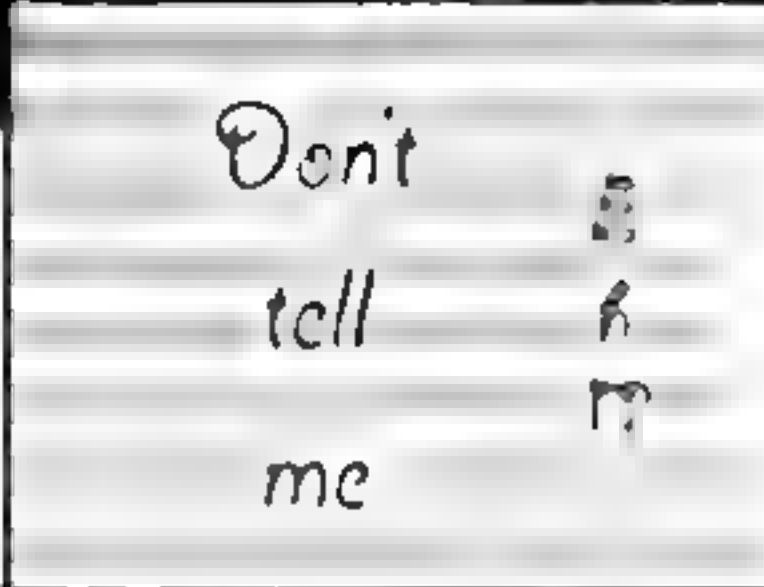
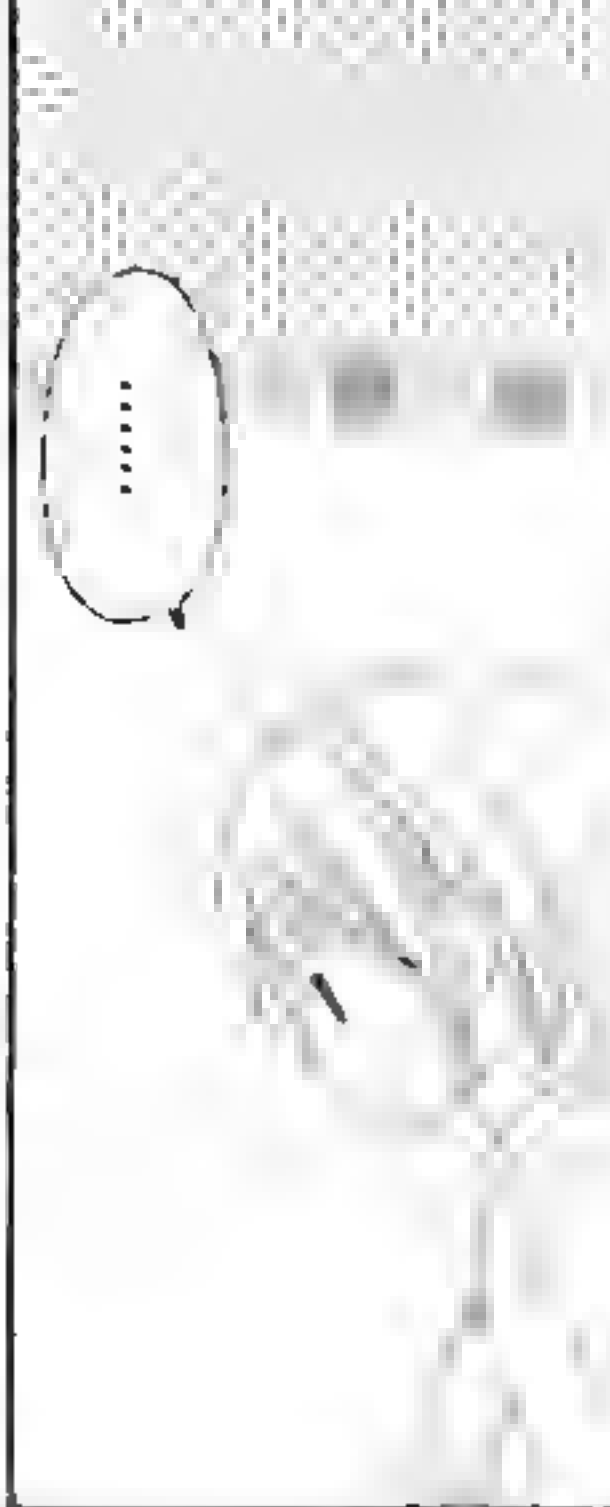
It's hot today,  
anyway.

YOU'LL  
CATCH A  
COLD, SO  
WEAR  
THAT.

IT'S  
FINE.

EH

...







so he  
lent me  
his shirt?

Matsu-  
naga-san  
noticed  
this.







IT'S  
ALRIGHT.

I'LL  
DO IT.

UFT



NO... I  
THINK  
THIS IS  
PRETTY  
NORMAL

MATSUNAGA-  
SAN, YOU'RE  
STRONG!

I'M A  
GUY  
AFTER  
ALL...



IT'S  
FINE,  
IT'S  
FINE

AH-  
B...  
BUT...

That's...  
quite  
heavy,  
but he...



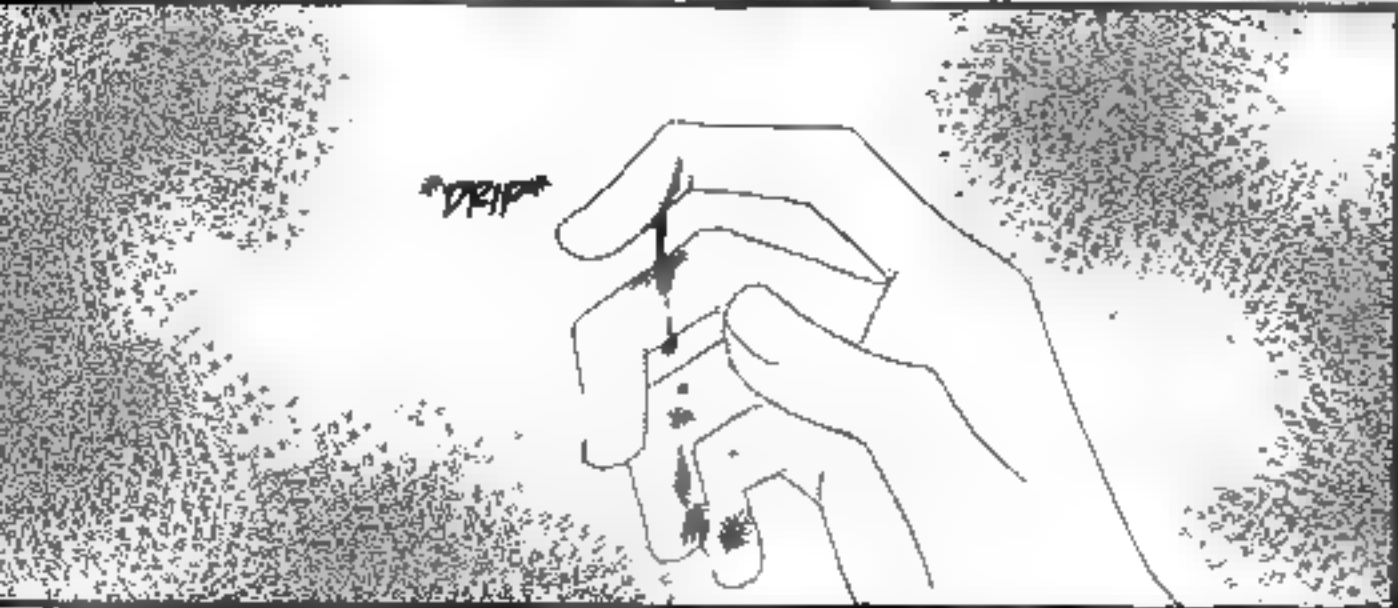




WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING?  
LET ME  
TAKE A  
LOOK!

WHA-  
WHAT  
HAD-  
DENEED  
!?

WAAAAH



DRIP



G  
Y  
A  
A  
A  
H  
!



SHI-  
HA-  
RU-  
CHIN!?

Faint

W  
a  
a  
h



I'M  
AFRAID  
OF  
BLOOD  
...

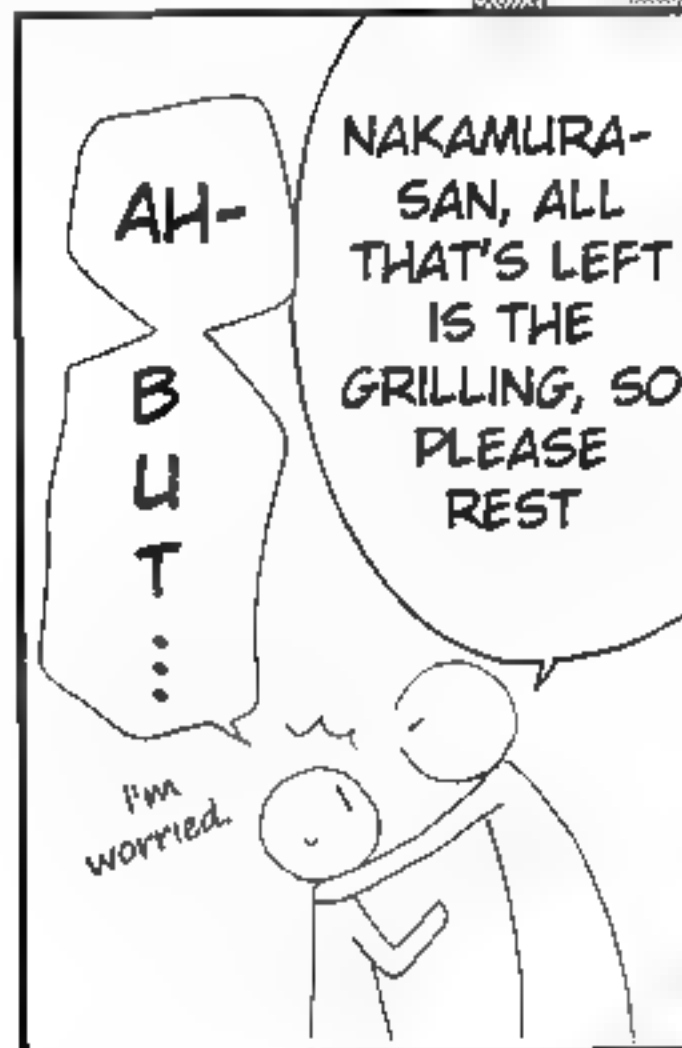
ARE  
YOU  
OKAY  
...?

What  
was I  
doing...

S...  
SORRY,  
I  
EVEN...

\*PANT\*

\*PANT\*



AH-  
B  
U  
T  
...

NAKAMURA-  
SAN, ALL  
THAT'S LEFT  
IS THE  
GRILLING, SO  
PLEASE  
REST

I'm  
worried.

THANK  
YOU!

BUT  
TAKERU-  
KUN WAS  
THE ONE  
WHO GOT  
HURT.

Pain, go  
'way —



WHY!? I  
CAN AT  
LEAST  
DO THAT  
MUCH...

No way!!

NO...  
YOU  
SHOULD  
REST  
TOO...

I'M  
FINE,  
I'M  
FINE!  
I'LL  
HELP  
OUT.





YOU'RE  
INJURED,  
SO REST  
A LITTLE  
WHILE  
LONGER.  
Don't push  
yourself.

Matsunaga-kun  
is like an older  
brother...

when  
Takeru-kun is  
around.



...

IT'S  
AS  
IF...

THEY'RE  
BROTHERS  
THAT GET  
ALONG  
WELL.

in reality, he's the  
eldest son  
← Second son



M I T A D A K I  
A | S U K I  
!

S I Z Z L E









NOT  
WORKING  
AS A  
BABY-  
SITTER...

TODAY  
YOU  
SHOULD  
BE  
ENJOYING  
YOURSELF,

EH...

...  
SORRY,

SOME-  
HOW...  
YOU'RE  
LOOKING  
AFTER  
THEM  
AGAIN...

EH!?  
I AM  
ENJOY-  
ING  
MYSELF!



I  
WAS  
ABLE  
TO  
SEE  
EVERY-  
ONES'  
SMILES.

I'M  
REALLY  
HAVING  
LOTS OF  
FUN!



...

IS  
THAT  
SO?

I'M  
GLAD  
TO  
HEAR  
THAT.





When  
everyone is  
together

No matter  
when, I  
always  
have  
fun —

THE DAY  
IS OVER  
ALREADY~

A  
H



WHY  
DON'T YOU  
GET A  
LICENSE  
ALREADY?

Easy life

THANK  
YOU FOR  
DRIVING,  
SEI-TAN  
★

EH?

I DO  
HAVE  
ONE.

But my dad isn't  
willing to lend me his  
car!

Pull

NAKA-  
MURA-  
SAN,

WE'VE  
ARRIVED  
AT...



Today, I...

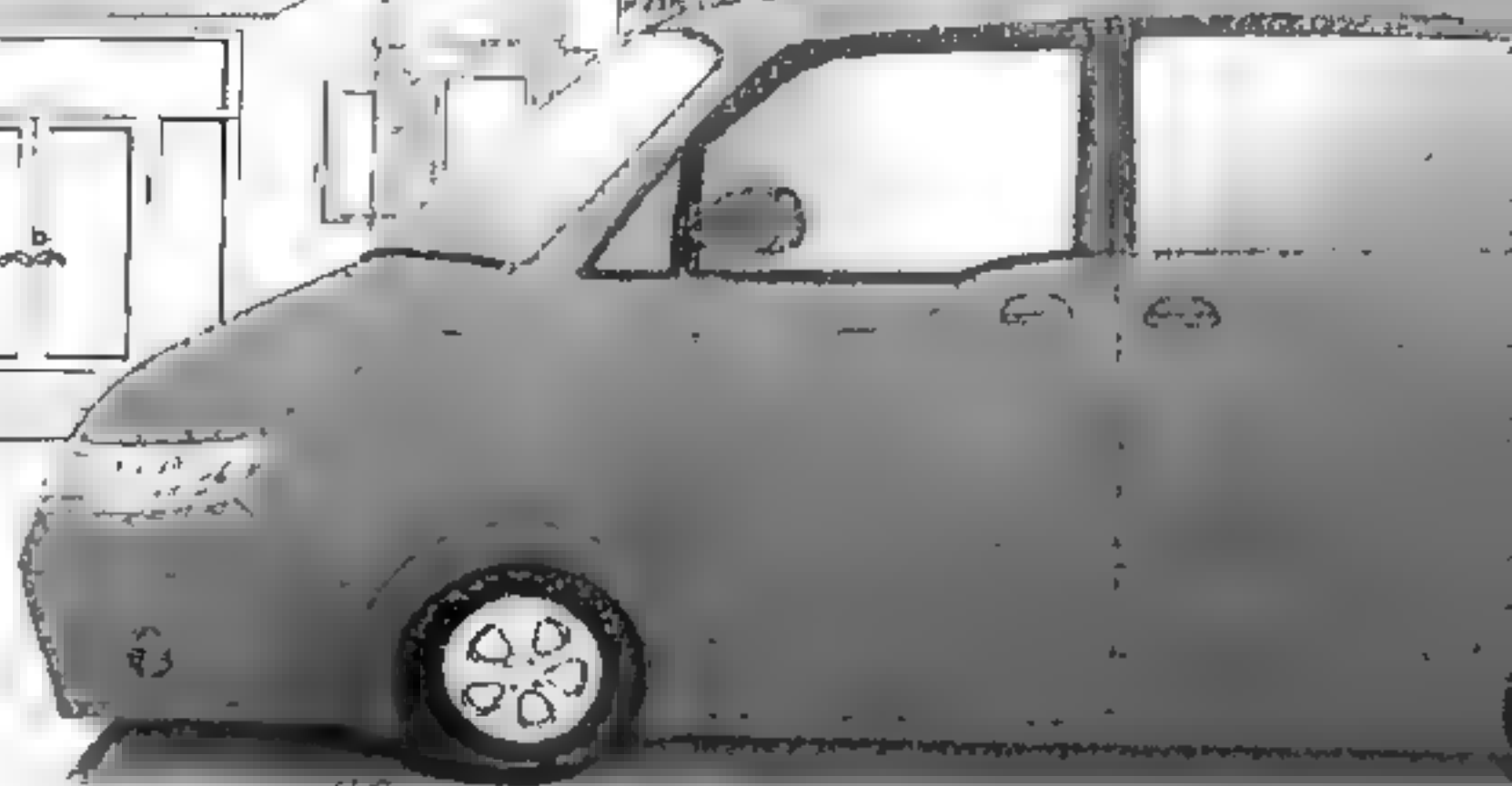


I wonder how many  
years it's been...

D...

Eh,  
WHY—?

DON'T  
LOOK...!



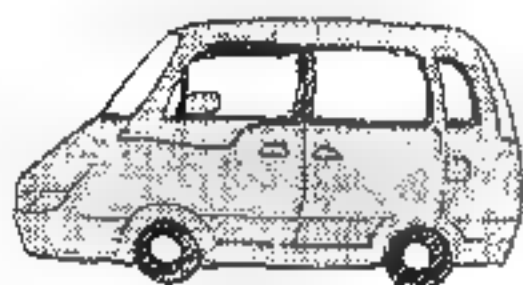
Since I played until I was so  
tired I fell asleep —————



No.



Can I  
borrow  
your car  
to prac  
tice my  
driving?



# LOVE SO LIFE



Chapter 14







—  
AND  
SO,

WE WILL BE  
OPERATING A  
FAIRY-TALE  
CAFE DURING  
THE CULTURAL  
FESTIVAL.

1-A

8 VOTES  
GREENERY

10 VOTES  
FAIRY TALES

5 VOTES  
COSPLAY

COFFEESHOP  
TRADITIONAL

4 VOTES

HAUNTED  
HOUSE

EVERYONE'S  
COSTUMES ARE  
TO BE SELF-MADE  
AND WILL BE  
DECIDED THROUGH  
LOTTERY!



**After  
summer  
vacation**

**my school  
starts  
preparing  
for the  
cultural  
festival!**



**THAT'S  
SLOPPY**

**IF IT'S  
ABOUT  
FAIRY-TALES,  
CAN WE WEAR  
CARTOON-  
CHARACTER  
COSTUMES?**

**THEN WHAT  
ABOUT A BEE?  
IS THAT  
CONSIDERED  
PART OF A  
FAIRY-TALE?**

**IT'S FINE,  
ISN'T IT? AS  
LONG AS IT  
LOOKS LIKE  
A FAIRY-TALE  
...**

**YES,  
YES**

**EHH  
!**

**I DON'T  
WANT TO  
WEAR  
ANYTHING  
WEIRD**

**I CAN'T  
WAIT TO  
FIND OUT  
WHAT I'LL  
BE WEAR-  
ING!**







...  
EH

REALLY  
...?

IF IT'S RIO,  
ANYTHING  
WOULD LOOK  
CUTE ON  
YOU.



ALRIGHT

I GOT  
**SNOW  
WHITE**



<sup>AK right</sup>  
PLEASE  
COME FORWARD  
ACCORDING TO  
YOUR CLASS  
REGISTER  
NUMBER.

Little Red  
Rid

LET'S  
SEE



SHIHARU,  
SHIHARU,  
WHAT ABOUT  
YOU?



YOU  
THINK  
SO?

LET'S  
MAKE CUTE  
COSTUMES!



LITTLE  
RED  
RIDING  
HOOD  
!?

WAA—  
IT  
SEEMS  
TO SUIT  
YOU.  
♡

I'm really  
looking  
forward  
to it since  
there's so  
much I  
can do!

I WANT  
TO PLACE  
THE  
ORDERS  
EARLY,  
TOO.

THEN  
LET'S  
DECIDE  
ON THE  
MENU AS  
WELL.

Compared  
to my middle  
school's  
cultural  
festival,

there are  
less  
things  
to be  
carried  
out as  
a class.



YES,  
NAKA-  
MURA-  
SAN.

ME!  
ME!

AH



M  
E  
N  
U

ALRIGHT THEN,  
PLEASE PROPOSE  
FOOD WITHIN  
OUR BUDGET  
THAT MIGHT BE  
PROFITABLE.

HOW ABOUT LIGHTLY-SEASONED UDON AND CANDIED SWEET POTATOES?

And also things like fruit-flavored jellies.

EVERYONE'S YOUNGER BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

OR OTHER YOUNG CHILDREN MIGHT COME, SO



SOMEHOW IT DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT APPEALING.

SAME GOES FOR THE UDON.

chuckle chuckle  
NAKA-MURA-SAN, IT'S A "CAFE".



H ...  
HUH ?

...

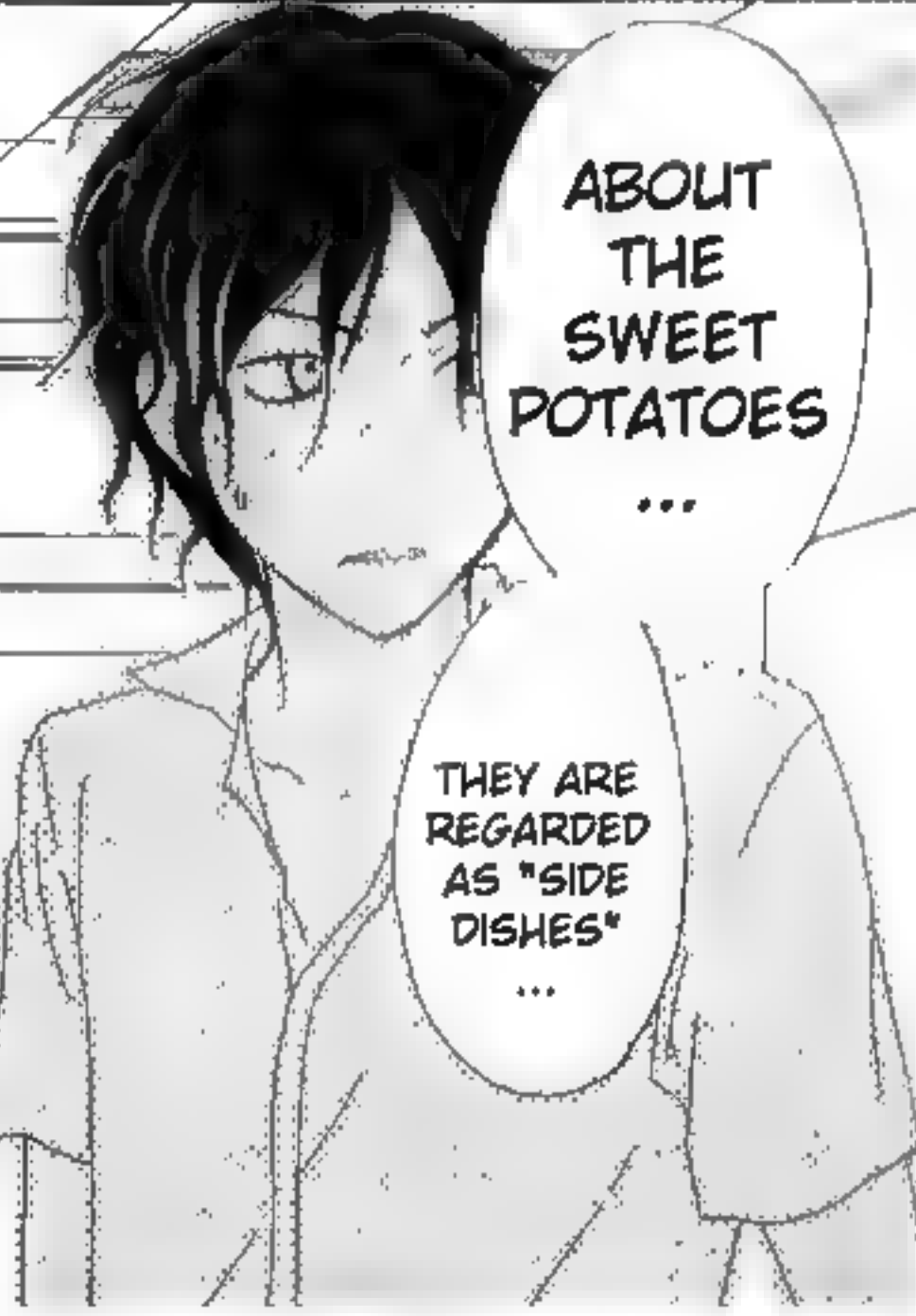


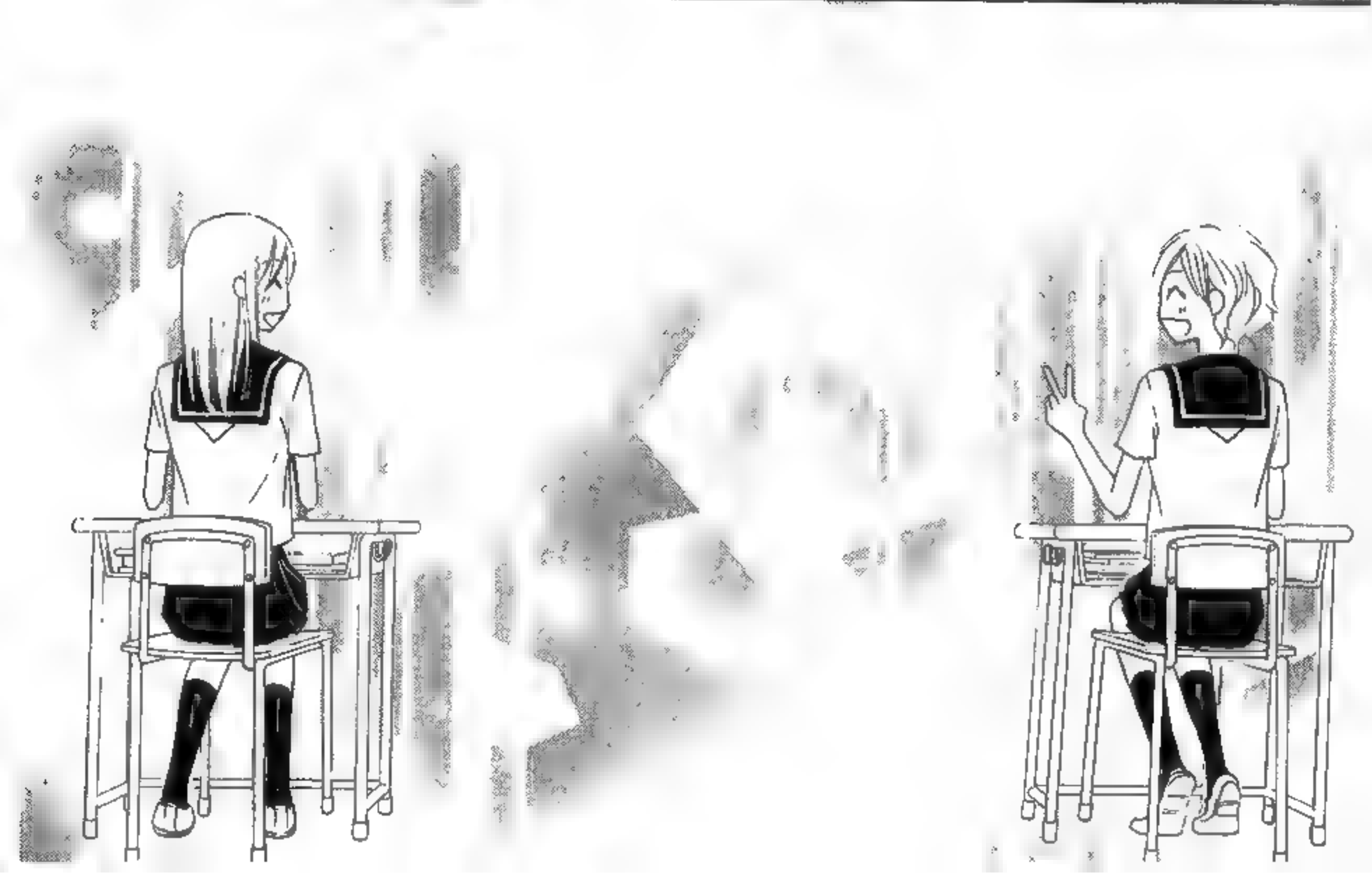
WHY? I THINK LIGHTLY-SEASONED ONES ARE GOOD —

EH —

ABOUT THE SWEET POTATOES ...

THEY ARE REGARDED AS "SIDE DISHES" ...

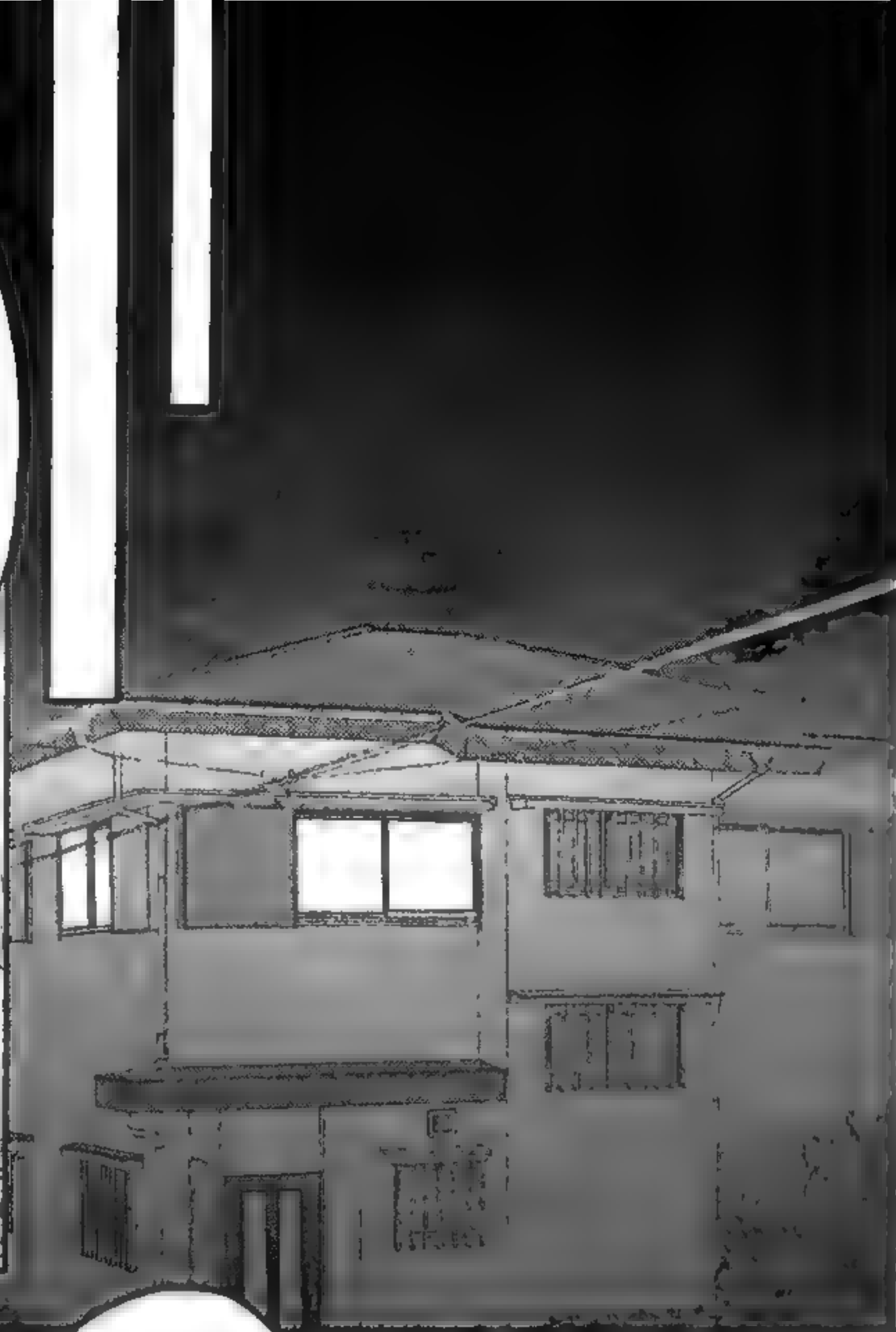






TO BRING  
BREAD AND  
WINE TO  
HER SICK  
GRAND-  
MOTHER,

LITTLE RED  
RIDING HOOD  
STARTED HER  
JOURNEY  
THROUGH  
THE FOREST  
ALONE.



AND  
THERE  
SHE  
MET A  
WOLF.



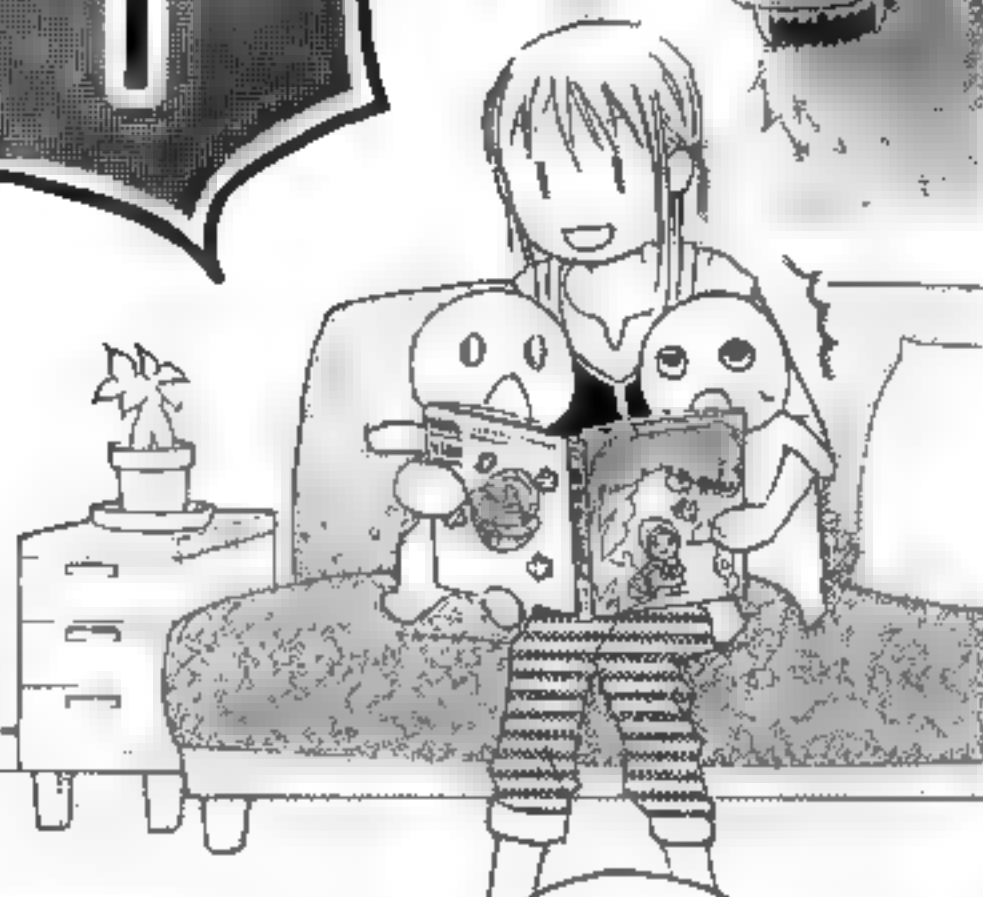
**NOOO—!!**

"WHERE  
ARE YOU  
GOING  
ALL BY  
YOUR-  
SELF?"



**AAH—**

"HELLO  
THERE,  
CUTE LITTLE  
RED RIDING  
HOOD."



**GRAB**

**EH**

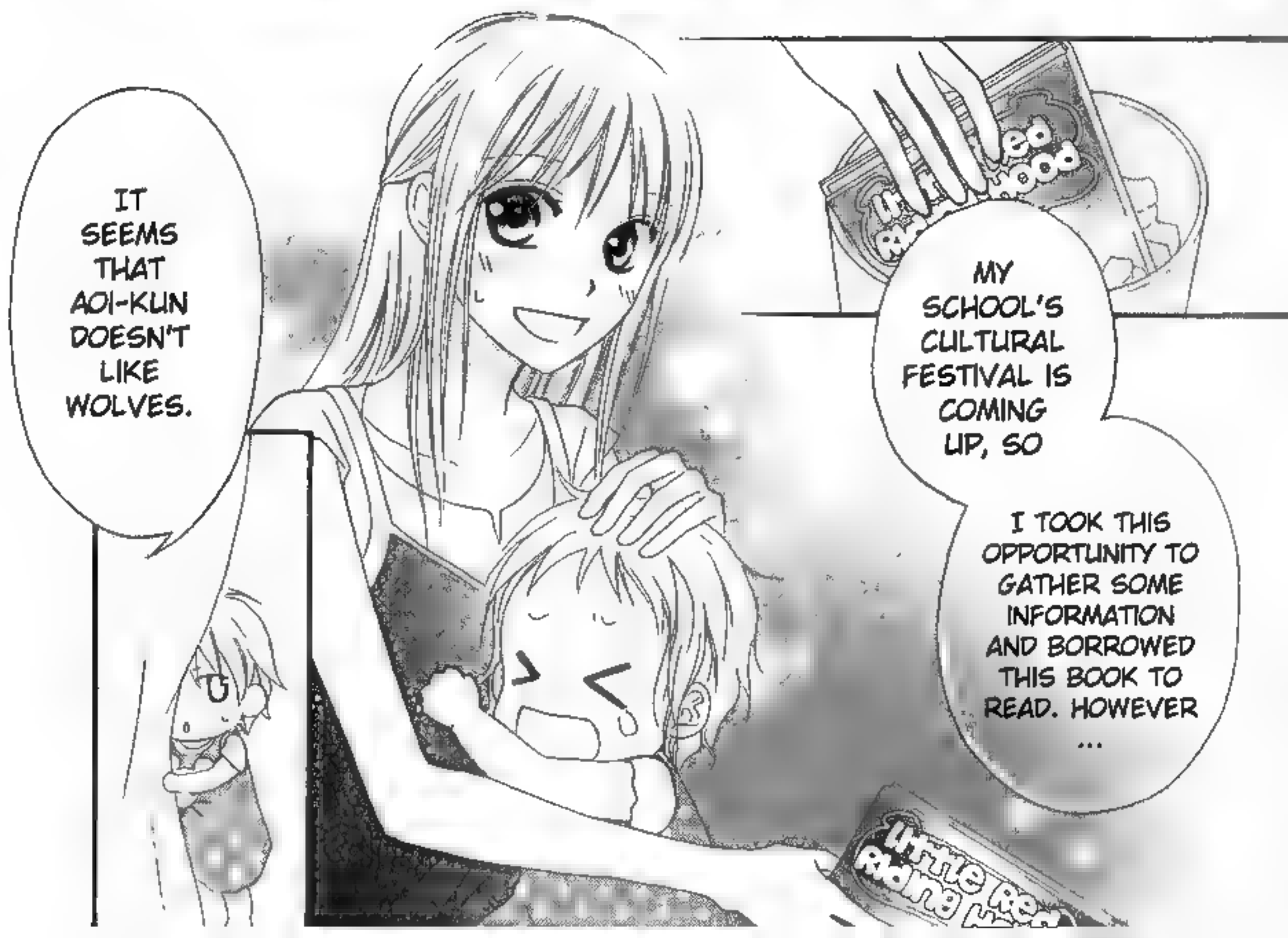
**DON'T—**

"I'M  
GOING  
TO MY  
GRAND-  
FATHER'S  
HOUSE  
..."

A...  
AOI-  
KUN?











...  
**AOI**

THE WOLF  
SWALLOWED  
THE GRAND-  
MOTHER  
WHOLE...  
DIDN'T  
HE?

A  
A  
H

?

YES



**Woof**  
**gulp**  
**Baa-tan**  
**....!!**

FAIRY-  
TALES ARE  
PICTURE  
BOOKS  
DRAWN BY  
PEOPLE,  
SO

THEY'RE  
DIFFERENT  
FROM  
REALITY  
AND AREN'T  
AS SCARY  
AS YOU  
THINK.

MA

MATSHI-  
NAGA-  
SAN!

Think  
carefully

YOUR THROAT  
WOULD GET  
BLOCKED IF YOU  
SWALLOWED A  
HUMAN WHOLE,  
SO THE WOLF  
WOULD CHOKE.



That kind of  
explanation...

?

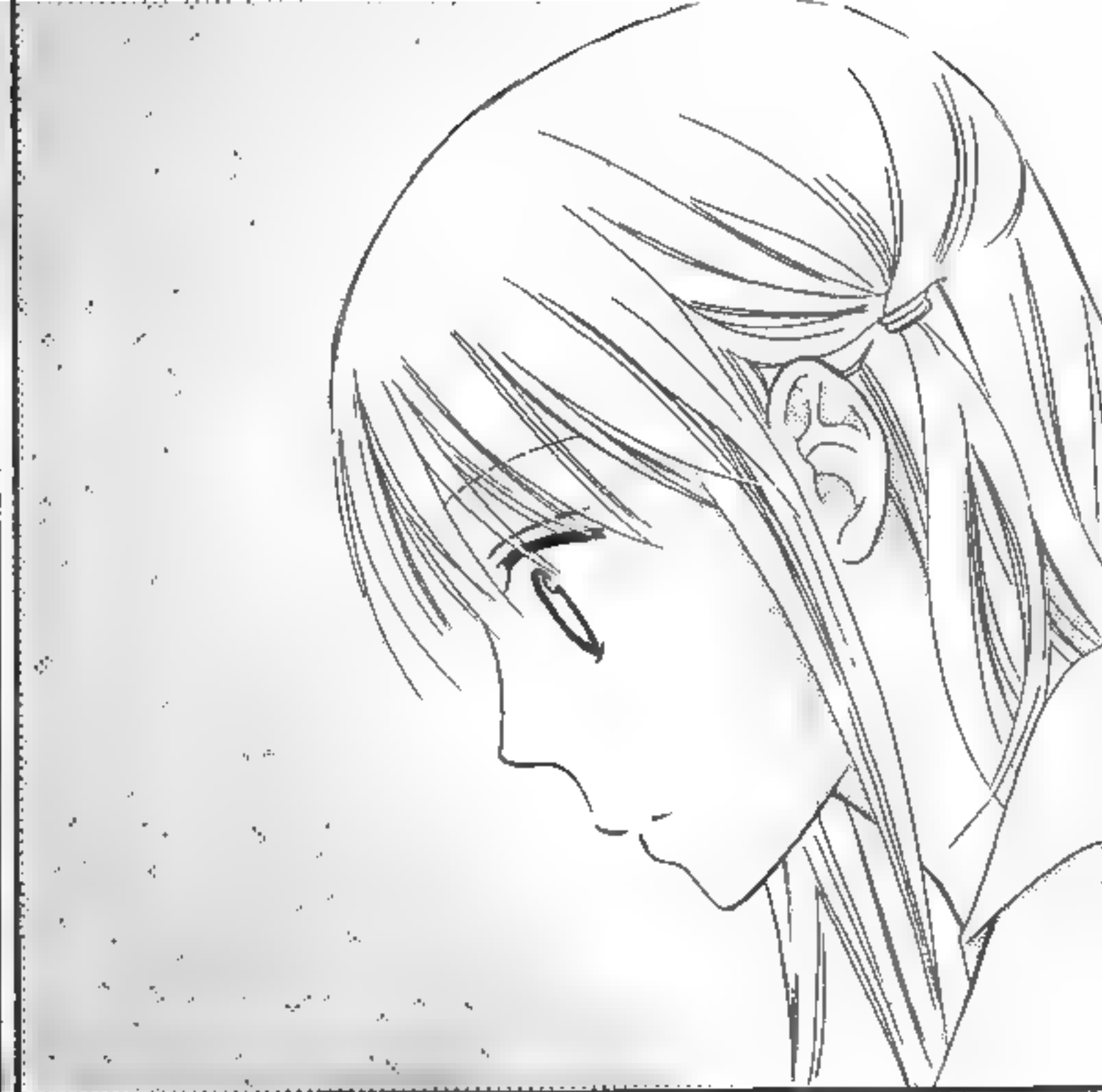






B...BUT  
YOU FINALLY  
HAVE A  
DAY OFF...

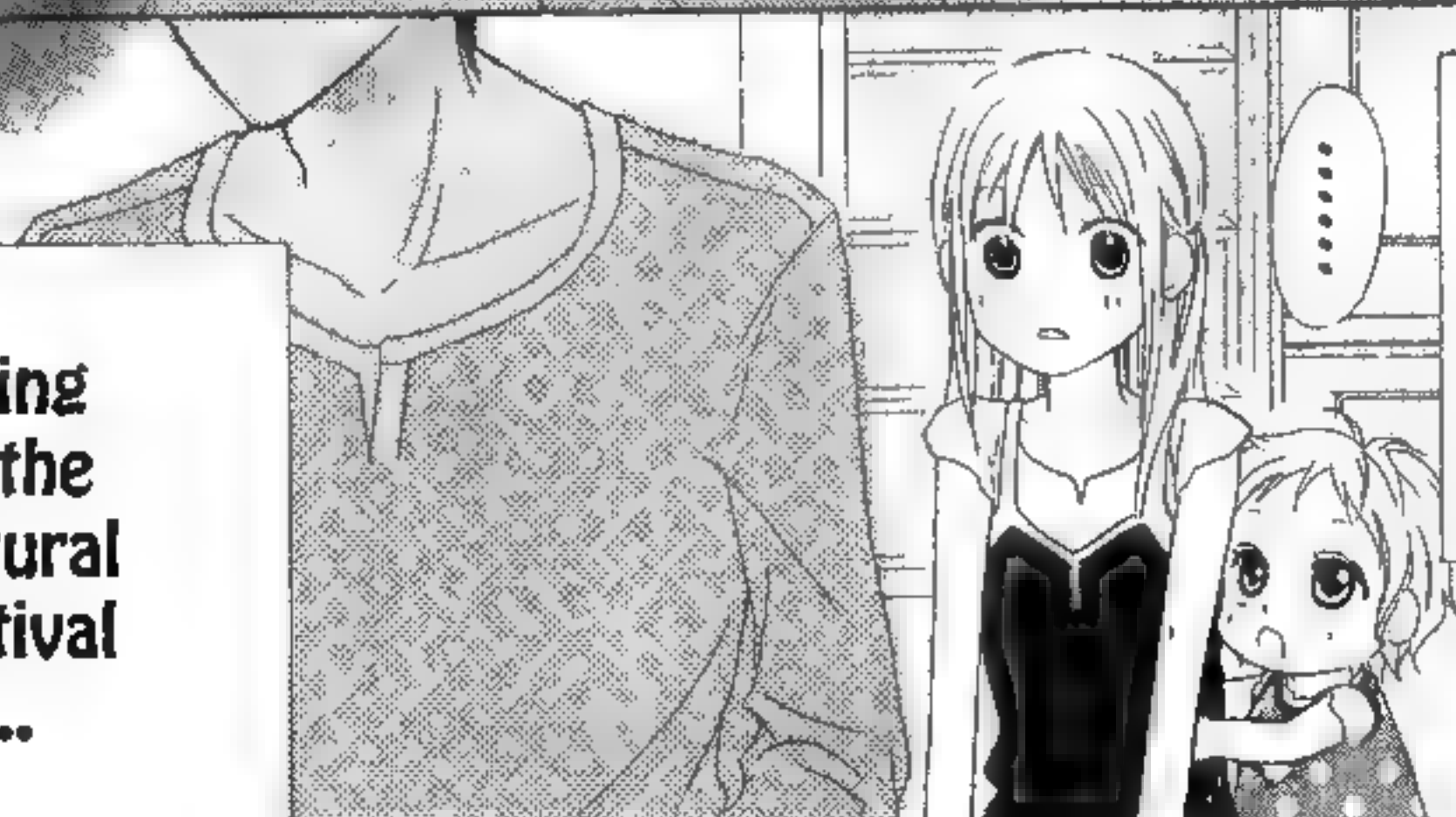
EH  
...  
?



I  
SELDOM  
GET THE  
CHANCE  
TO SEE  
NAKAMURA-  
SAN AT  
SCHOOL.

Y  
E  
A  
H

LIKE  
I SAID



going  
to the  
cultural  
festival  
...

...  
Matsu-  
naga-  
san is



There's  
actually  
someone  
coming  
here to  
see "me"

at a  
school  
event  
...

For the  
first time







YOU'RE  
RIGHT!

A  
A  
H!

IT FEELS  
A LITTLE  
NOSTALGIC  
WHEN  
SHIHARU  
SEWS

SOME-  
HOW

YOU  
REALLY  
SAVED  
ME FROM  
A CRISIS.

THE  
FIRST TIME  
I TALKED  
TO  
SHIHARU

EH  
...

THIS  
CHOCOLATE  
BREAD IS  
DELICIOUS

AHH

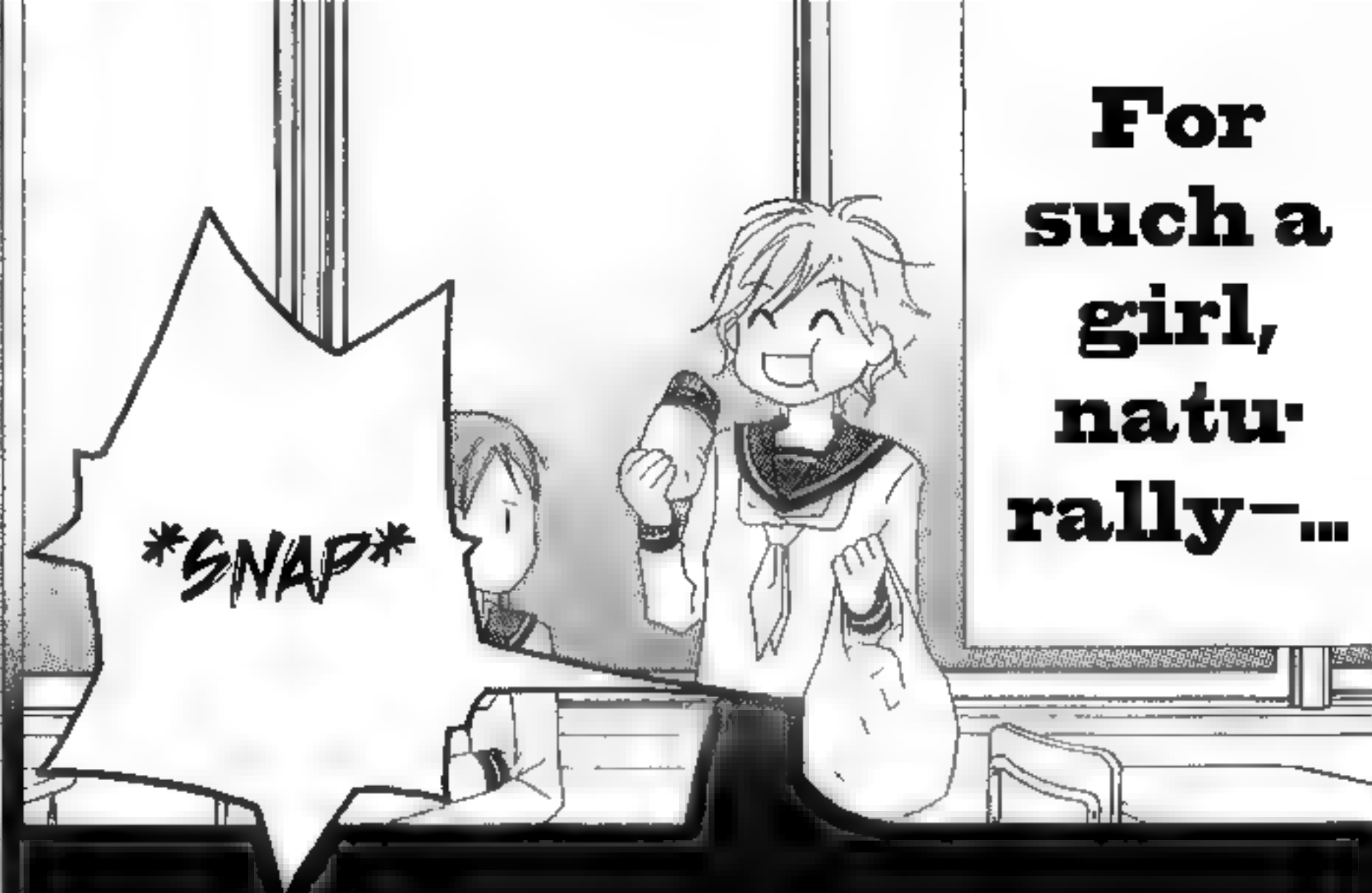
YOU'RE  
EATING  
QUITE  
A LOT.

-Spring-

Yoshii Rio  
was released  
from the stress  
of studying  
for admission  
exams

and  
pampered  
herself  
to her  
heart's  
content.





**For  
such a  
girl,  
natu-  
rally-...**



**Divine  
Punishment  
Descended.**



LMM...

For now, how about changing into jerseys?

THE SKIRT IS... THE HOOK IS...  
THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS IN REALITY —!?



IF IT'S FINE  
WITH YOU, I  
CAN SEW IT  
BACK ON.

You don't have to take  
your skirt off, it won't  
take long

**That  
was...**

**and  
quickly  
became  
good  
friends**

...

O-  
OKAY  
...!

DON'T  
MOVE FOR  
A WHILE,  
ALRIGHT?

Eh, eh  
WHO IS  
THIS?  
SHE'S  
CUTE —!  
♡

**how  
the  
two  
met...**



Done—!  
How is it?

I'm a little  
embarrassed, but...

AFTER THAT  
WE TALKED  
ABOUT  
MANY  
INCLUDING HOW THINGS,  
SHE WAS  
STAYING AT THE  
INSTITUTION...

YEESS?

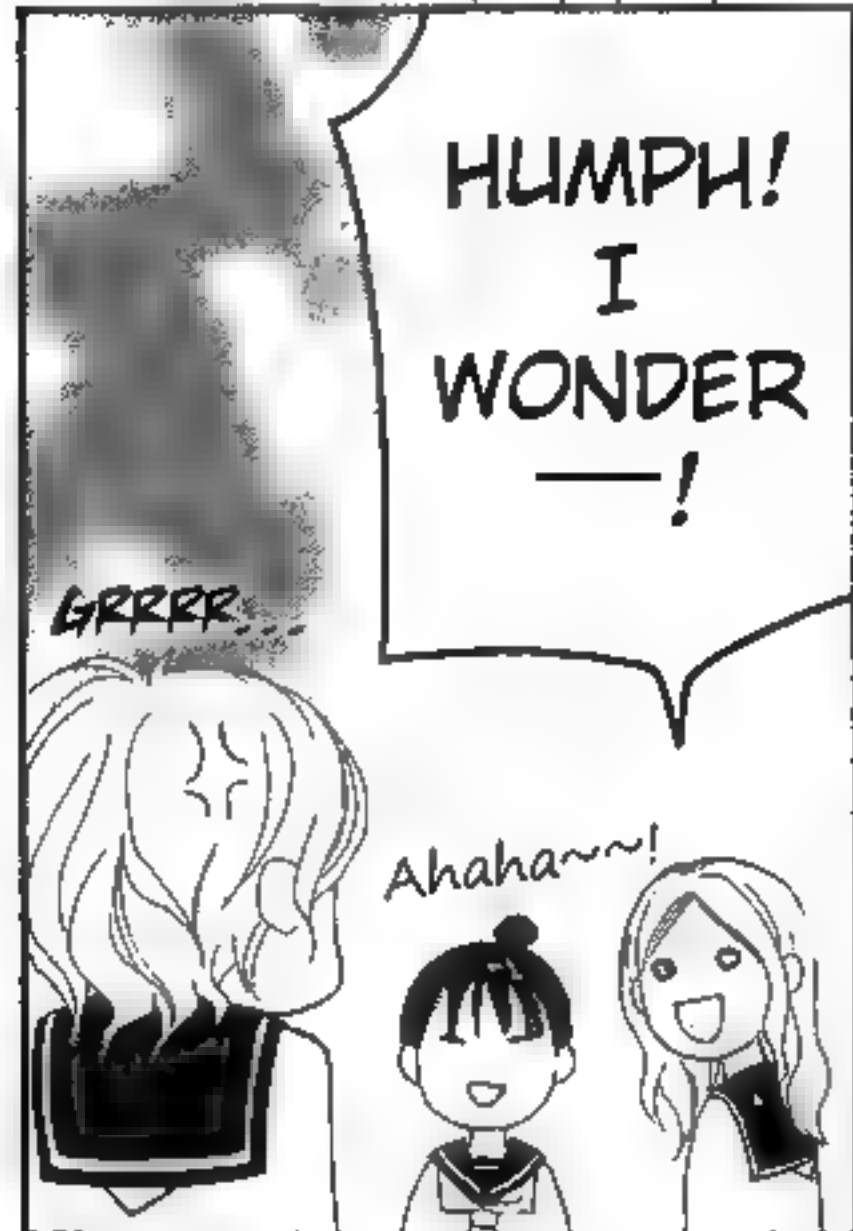
HEY HEY,  
NAKAMURA-  
SAN.

S...  
SORRY!!  
IT'S  
IMPOSSI-  
BLE  
TODAY!

...  
AHH!  
SURE!

CAN YOU  
TEACH US  
TOO?





IF IT WERE  
TO HAPPEN,  
IT WOULD BE  
GREAT!!

AH  
LET'S  
GO

CAN'T  
SHE  
TELL  
THAT  
WE'RE  
JOKING?

Love for  
Love's Sake

THAT  
KIND OF  
THING  
...

IT MIGHT BE  
THAT SHE  
HAS SET HER  
SIGHTS ON A  
GUY~

THAT KIND  
OF THING  
DOESN'T  
APPLY TO  
SHIHARU  
...


SHIHARU!  
ANSWER ME  
HONESTLY,  
ALRIGHT?

1 - A

THE GUY THAT  
I MET AT  
SHIHARU'S PART-  
TIME WORK, ARE  
YOU GUYS GOING  
OUT!?

?

OKAY.



ISN'T IT  
SUSPI-  
CIOUS THAT  
YOU LEFT  
IN SUCH A  
HURRY?

YOU SEE, IT'S  
THE BUSY  
PERIOD  
BEFORE  
THE  
FESTIVAL...

EH!!?

Jumps

WHA...  
WHAT...!?  
SUD-  
DENLY...

TH-

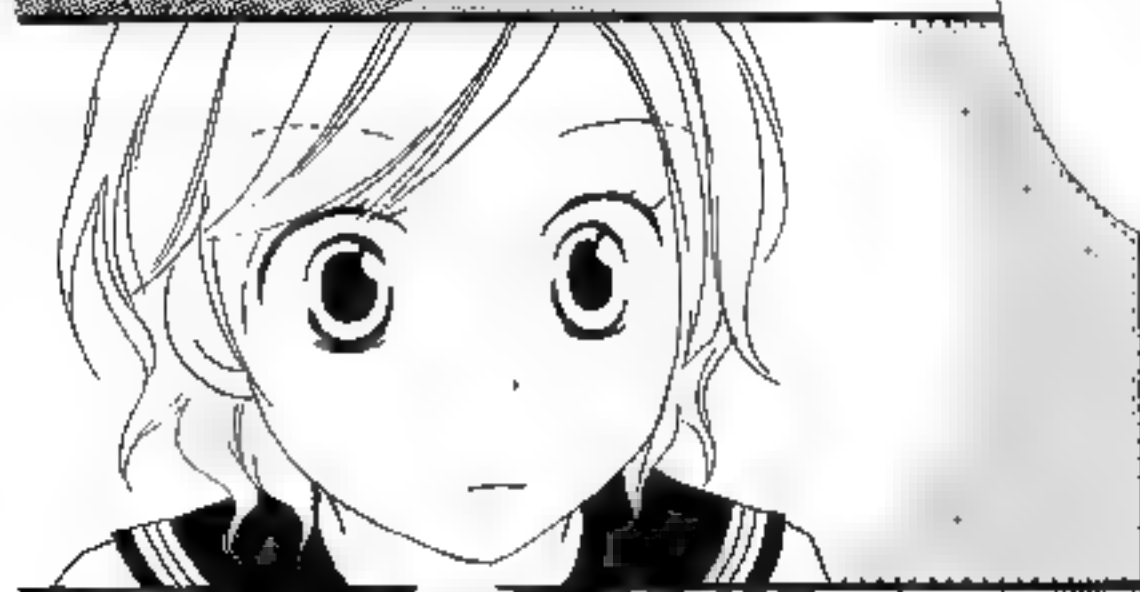
THAT  
KIND OF  
THING  
IS...

IF THAT'S THE  
CASE, IT'S GOT  
TO BE THAT  
SORT OF THING,  
RIGHT!?

BUT!?

THE  
THINGS  
RIO IS  
THINKING  
ABOUT ARE  
NOT TRUE,  
BUT...





Continuation from  
part 3 (chapter 13)

④

He was really more  
radiant than I had  
expected, so I  
became really nerv-  
ous. Nevertheless, I  
was able to learn  
many thing from him  
about being an an-  
nouncer, such as  
the strictness, the  
effort put in and  
things to take into  
consideration.

Mr. Komada kengo  
brought me around  
the other parts of  
the radio station  
as well. To the pro-  
ducer, Mr. Uchida  
shin, and the staff  
that gladly wel-  
comed me, thank you  
very much! ^^

TBS Radio "kakiin"  
is broadcasting  
every week from  
Monday to Friday!



Different  
from  
liking...?

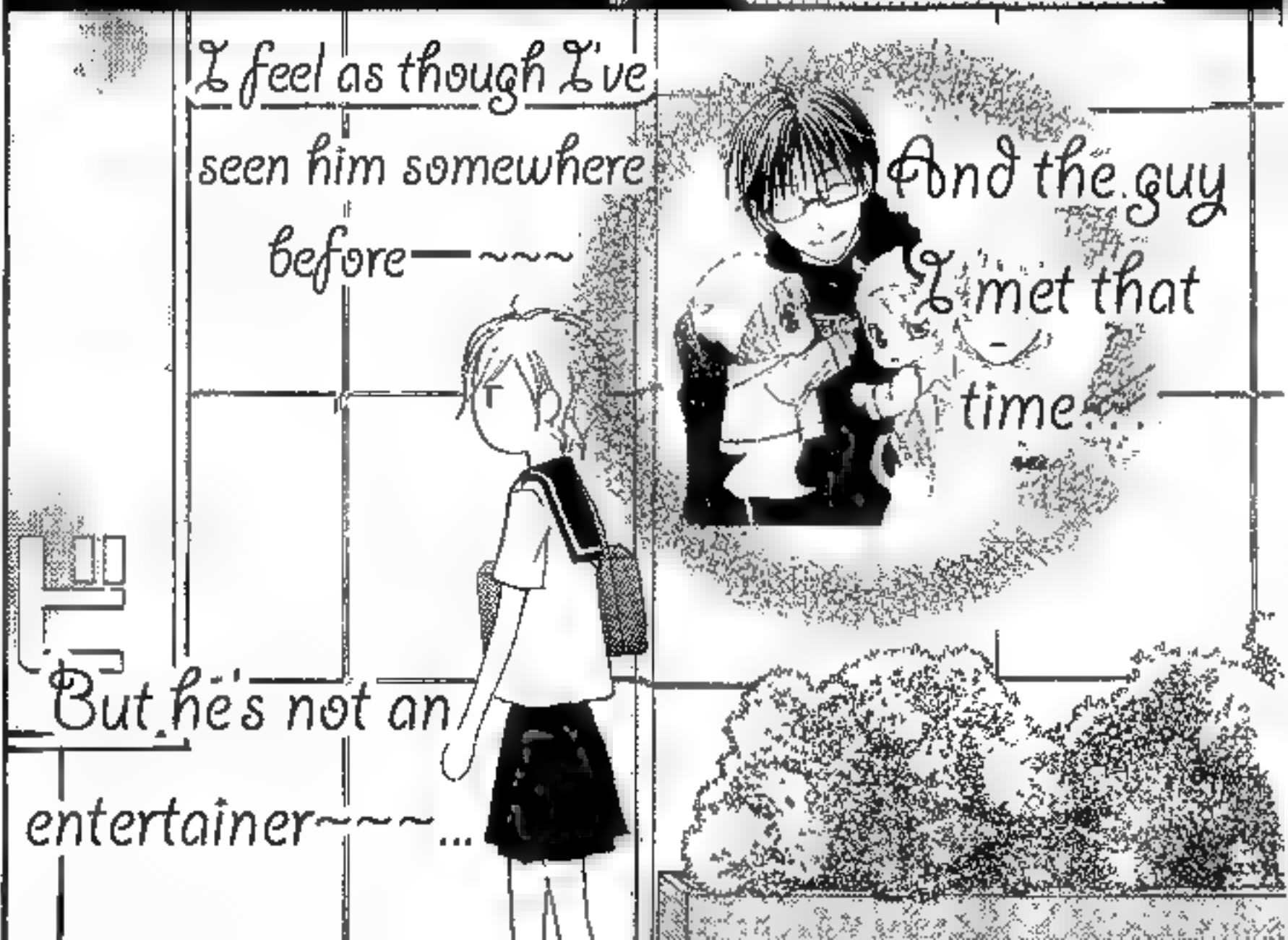
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but...

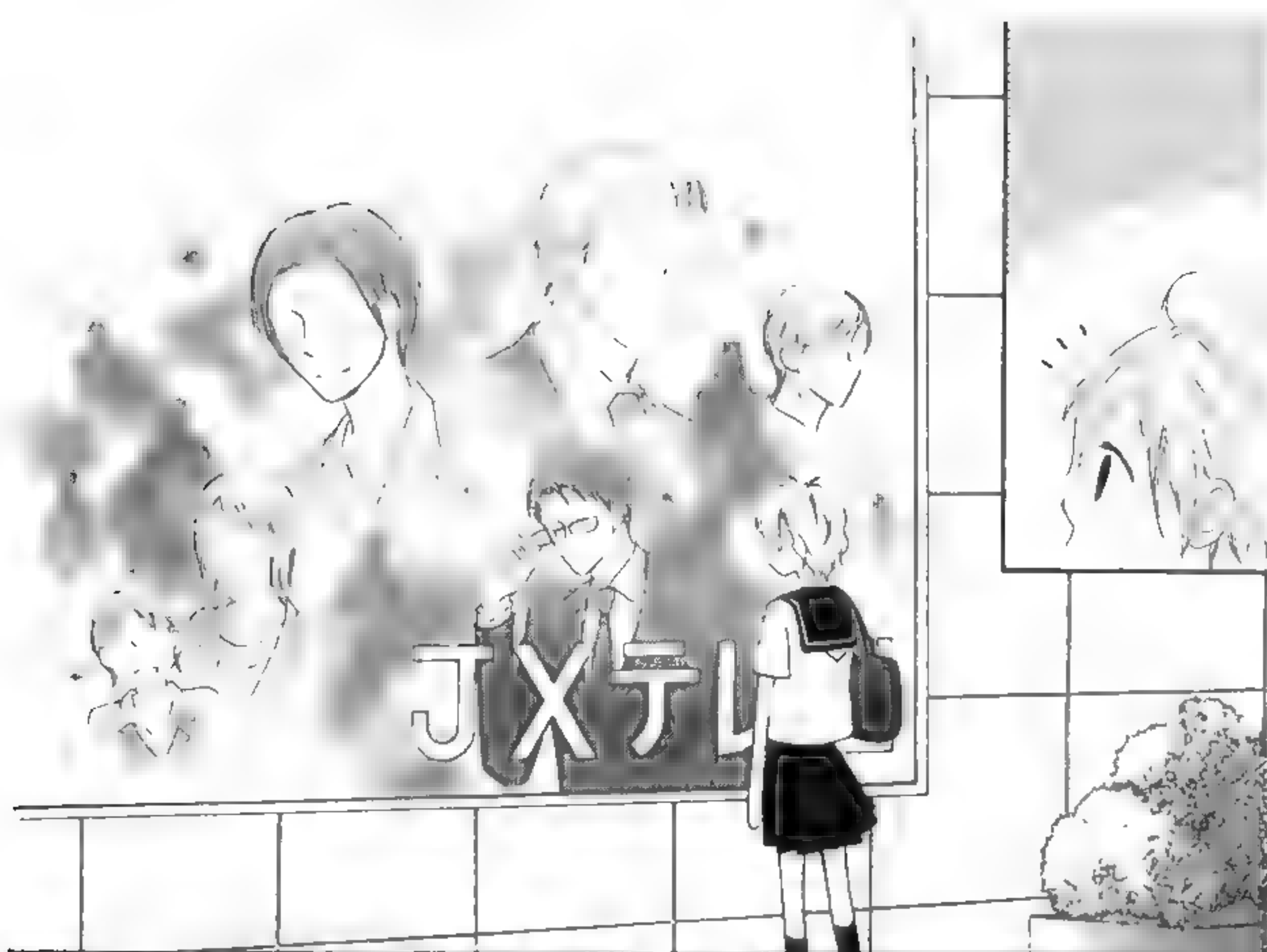
Hmmm~

I feel as though I've  
seen him somewhere  
before~~~~

And the guy  
I met that  
time...

But he's not an  
entertainer~~~~...









she  
looked  
it up

I DIDN'T  
RECOGNIZE  
HIM THE OTHER  
TIME BECAUSE OF  
HIS GLASSES! THAT  
PERSON SEEMS TO  
BE THE SU—PER  
POPULAR AN-  
NOUNCER!!

WHY  
DIDN'T  
YOU  
TELL  
ME—!?

Although I'm stupid for  
not noticing!!

IT'D BE A BIG  
SCOOP IF I  
WERE A  
JOURNALIST!



I'M...



...  
I'M  
SORRY  
...





I'VE  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT  
TELLING  
YOU MANY  
TIMES,  
BUT...

I ALSO  
THOUGHT IT  
MIGHT BE  
BETTER NOT  
TO TALK  
ABOUT  
OTHERS...



SORRY,  
I'M JUST A  
LITTLE  
SHOCKED.

Ah!  
NO, I'M  
NOT  
BLAMING  
YOU...

I'M  
SORRY  
FOR  
KEEPING  
QUIET  
ABOUT  
THIS...

NO  
...  
(Yeah,  
that's  
true)



I'D BE  
HAPPY TO  
SHARE A  
SECRET  
WITH  
SHIHARU!

IT  
WON'T  
BE A  
BURDEN  
!



EH!?

WHAT'S  
WITH  
THAT?

AND I  
THOUGHT  
IT MIGHT  
BE A  
BURDEN  
TO  
YOU...

ALSO, RIO  
WILL HAVE  
TO KEEP  
THIS A  
SECRET,



.....

THANK  
YOU

...

I'M  
GLAD

...

I MUST  
PROTECT  
IT...!!

I'm  
really  
sorry



One  
daye

in da  
fores'



AKANE-  
CHAN IS  
GOOD AT  
SINGING —!

☆  
**YUD!!**

**Met**

bair-  
tan,

~~~~

! ...Rio

I should  
have told  
her  
earlier  
...

IT'D BE A  
BIG  
SCOOP IF  
I WERE A  
JOURNAL-  
IST!



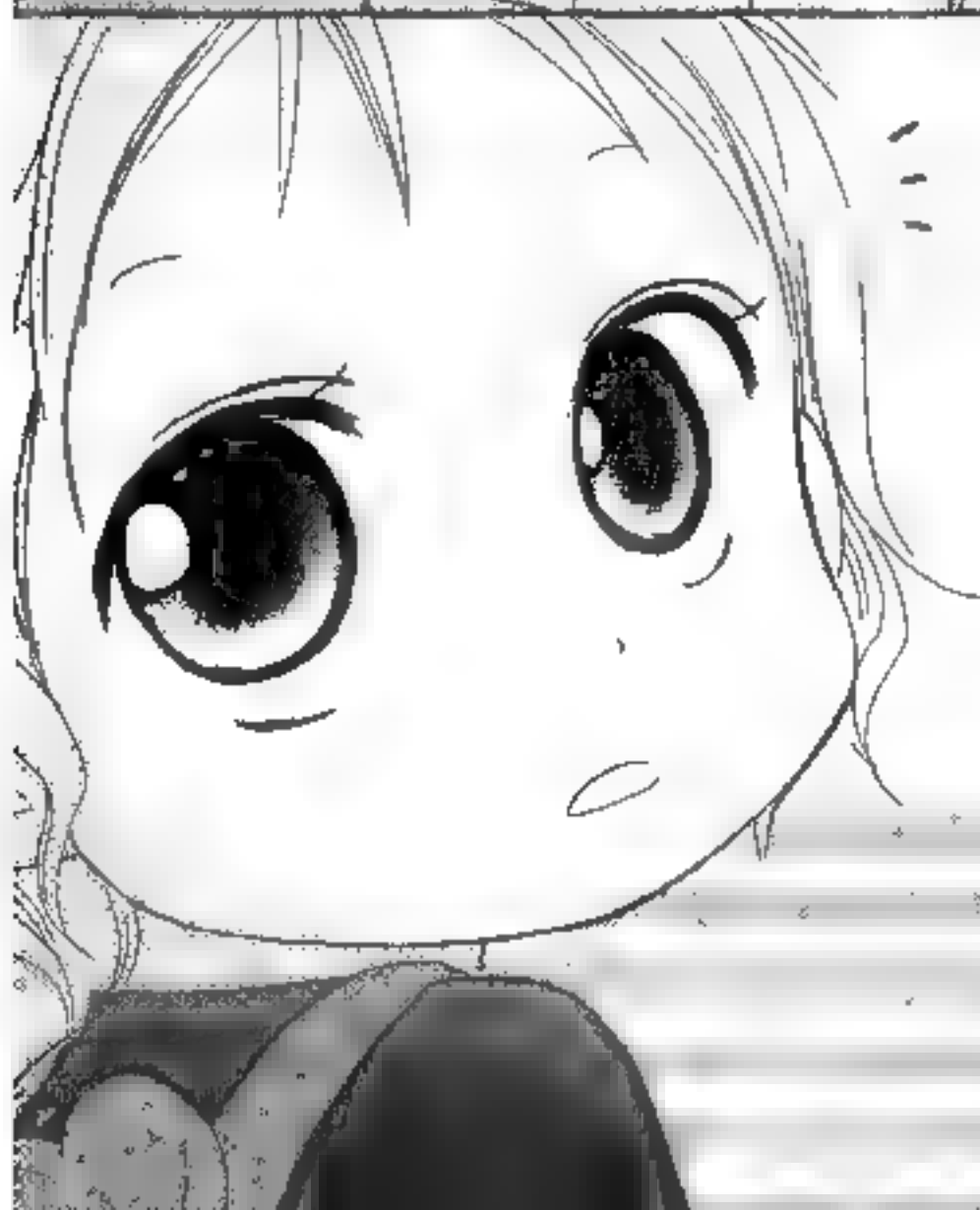
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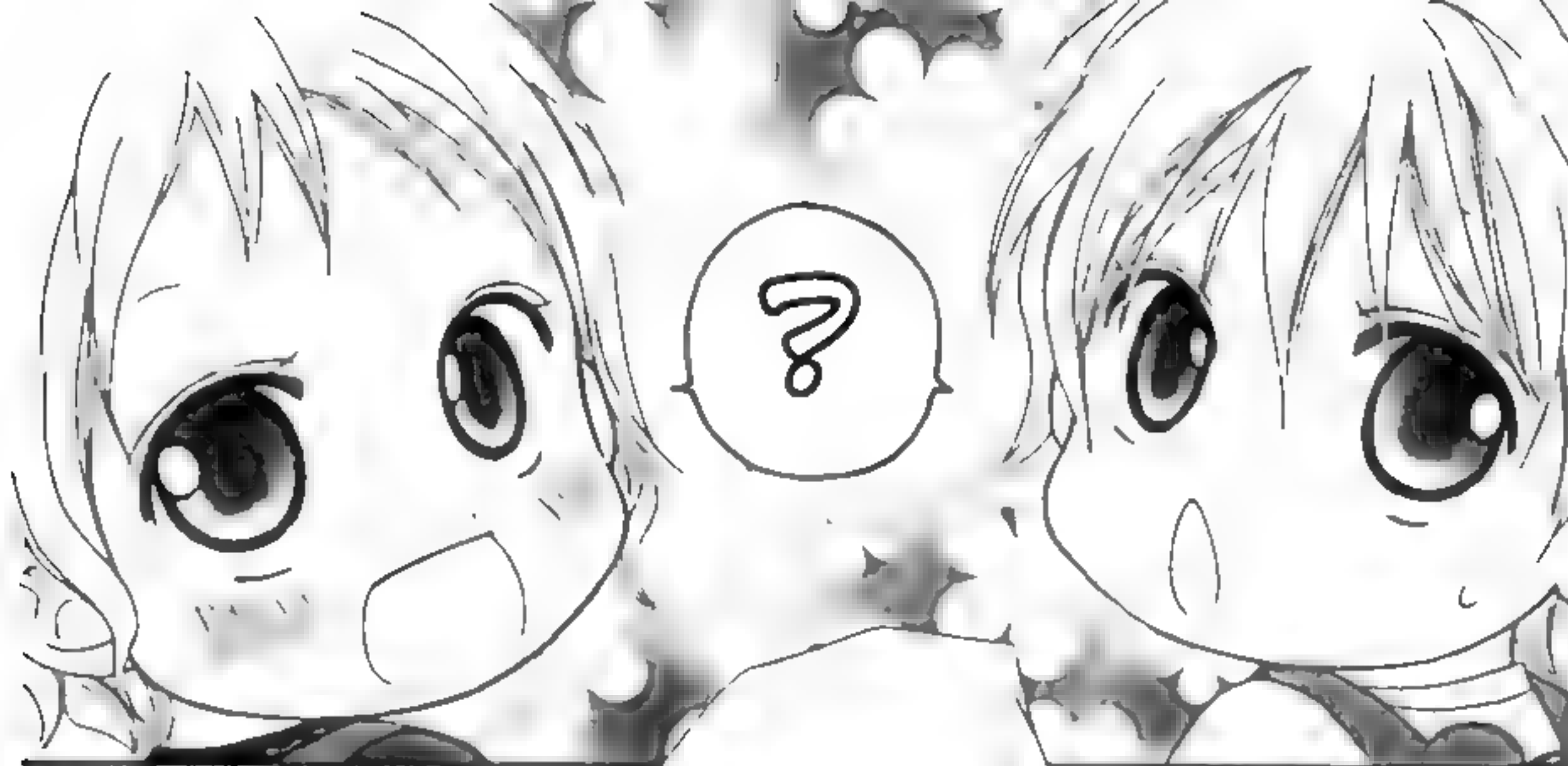


...Scoop...

*grip*

That's right...  
It'll be Matsunaga-san who  
will be affected if we are  
misunderstood by society...





I have  
to...

brace  
myself!!



**that goes  
unnoticed by  
Naka-  
mura  
Shiharu,  
16-year  
old girl.**

**That is  
an un-  
neces-  
sary  
action...**

**S  
H  
H  
!!**

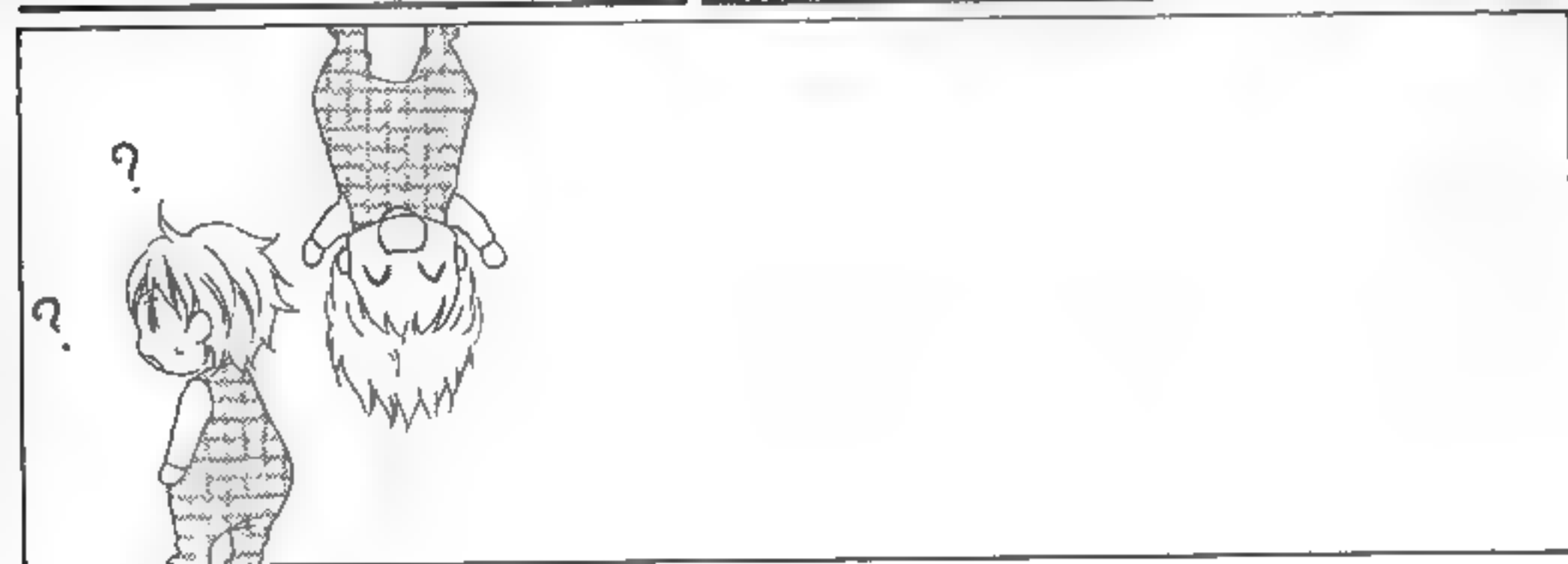
**Shiha-  
ru-tan  
weird!**



# LOVE SO LIFE

## Chapter 15







He's on  
TV, after  
all...

IS THAT  
ALRIGHT?  
WON'T THE  
OTHER  
STUDENTS  
FIND OUT...?

HEY  
...



BUT...  
HE ALWAYS  
DISGUISES  
HIMSELF  
WELL

AND HE'S  
QUITE  
DIFFERENT  
FROM WHAT  
YOU SEE  
ON TV.

I'm home



EH

IS...  
IS THAT  
SO?

DISGUISE...  
ORDINARY  
PEOPLE  
AREN'T  
THAT  
NAIVE!



Someone  
might be  
coming to see  
me, and yet

For  
the  
first  
time

EVEN IF  
IT'S A  
LITTLE  
LATE  
...

WOULD  
IT BE  
BETTER

IF I  
ASKED  
HIM NOT  
TO COME  
?

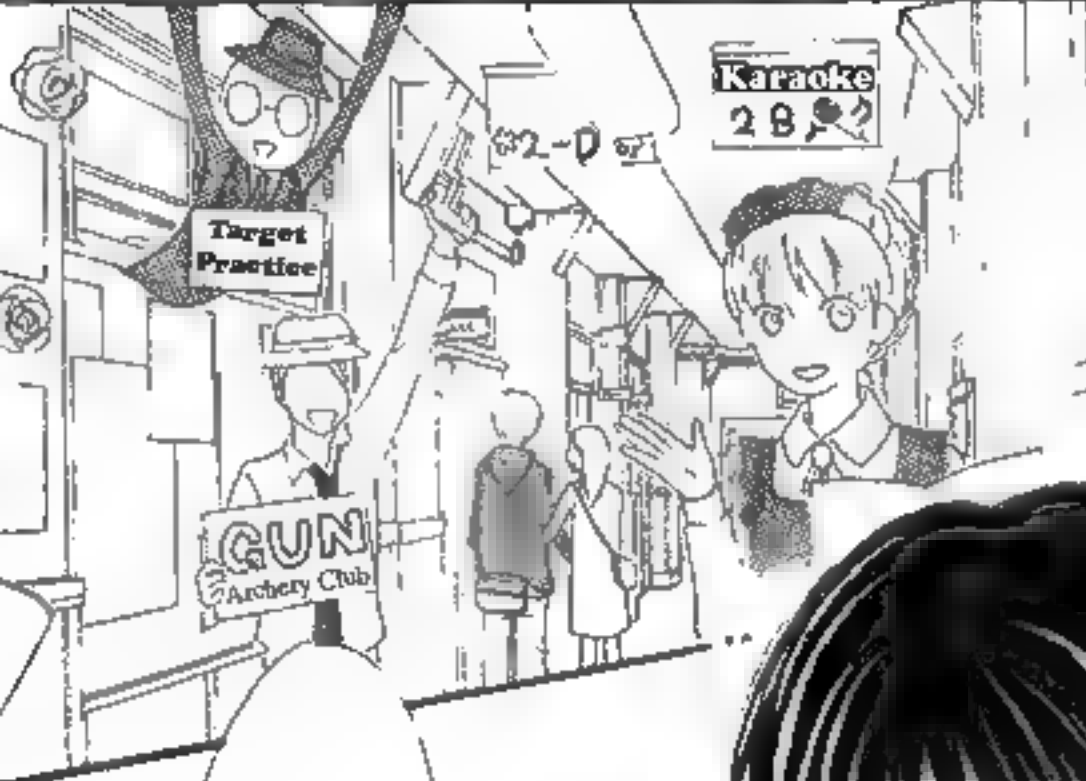
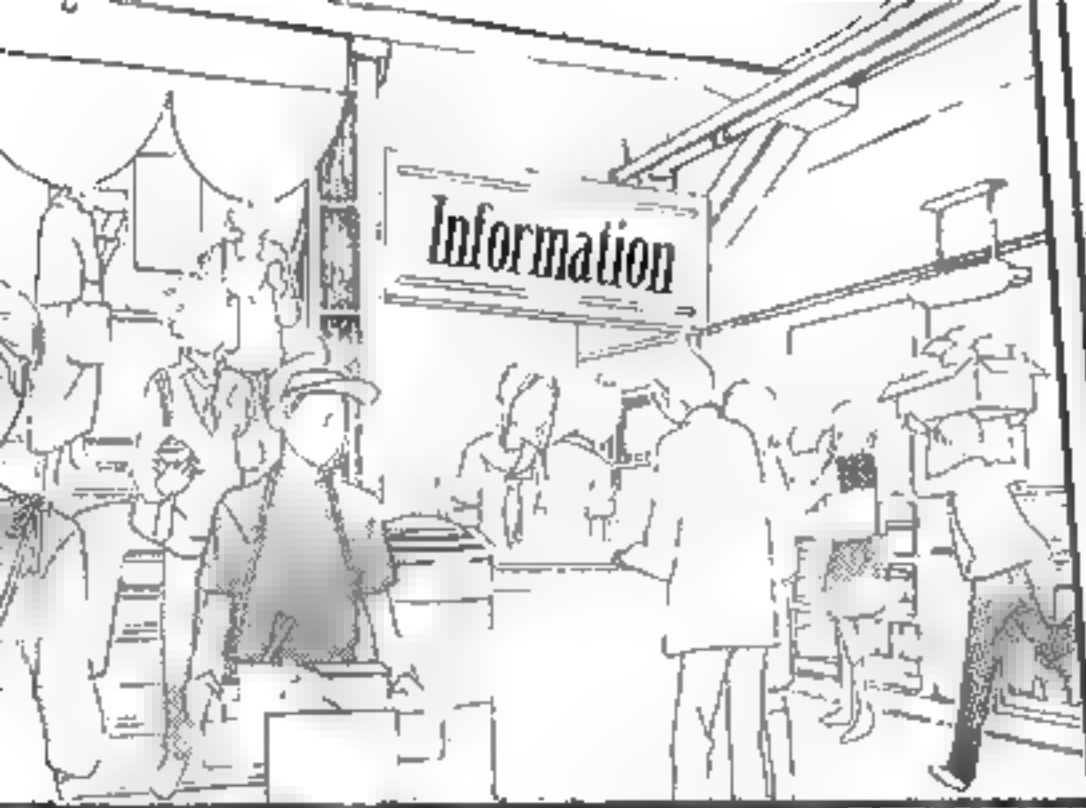
...

EH  
?

**I UNDER-  
STAND.  
I'LL DO  
SOME-  
THING  
ABOUT  
IT...!!**

**And  
so  
...**

**the  
cultural  
festival  
is finally  
here!**



WAKABA

53rd  
Wakaba  
Cultural  
Festival

WOW  
...

HOW  
NOSTALGIC

Cultural  
Festival  
...

WOULD  
YOU  
LIKE A  
PARFAIT

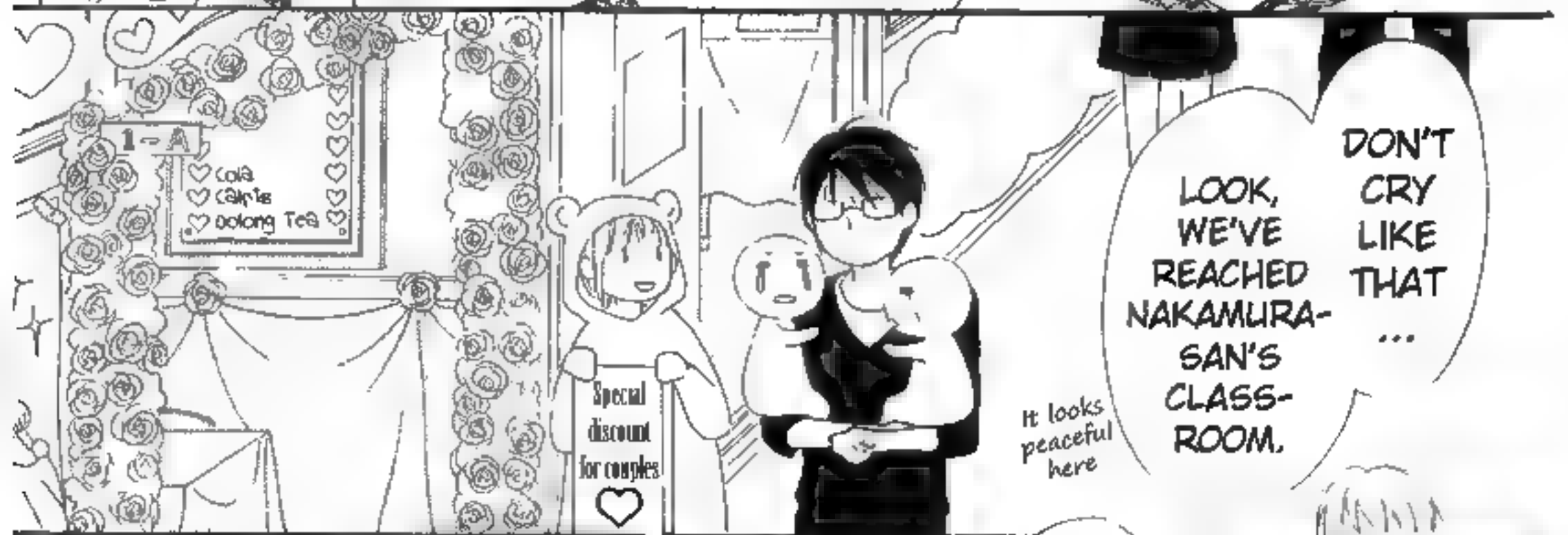
?

WELCOME











MATSU-  
NAGA-  
SAN!

AH

I'M  
SORRY  
FOR BEING  
SO LOUD

YOU'LL GET  
NOTICED,  
RIGHT?









EEHHH!!  
*True self...*

IT'S TO PREVENT AN UPROAR. PLEASE COOPERATE.

SORRY FOR BEING SO SUDDEN. I'M SHIHARU'S FRIEND, YOSHII RIO.

MATSUNAGA SEIJI-SAN, WHILE YOU'RE IN THIS SCHOOL, PLEASE WEAR THIS AND HIDE YOUR TRUE SELF.



メル

IT'LL BE PERFECT IF YOU CARRY THIS SIGN, TOO.

*holds out*

IT'LL BE FINE. IT'S THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL, AFTER ALL.

WON'T THIS ATTRACT MORE ATTENTION...?

R... RIO, WAIT, THAT'S TOO UNREASONABLE...

I DON'T THINK I'M FAMOUS ENOUGH TO CAUSE AN UPROAR, BUT...

I GUESS I'LL BORROW THIS FOR NOW...

MATSUNAGA-SAN ...

I'M SORRY!

1-A  
HAS A FAIRY TALE CAFE





# ★☆☆ LOVE SO LIFE



To have  
someone  
come to an  
event such  
as this

It's like  
a dream.



who usually  
comes for  
career talks  
and parent-  
teacher  
meetings.

It's the  
sensei  
at the  
insti-  
tution



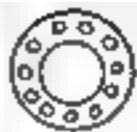
YOU ALSO  
HAVE GOOD  
FRIENDS  
HERE.

I'LL DO  
SOME-  
THING  
ABOUT  
IT!

YES  
!







AH

...!

I'M  
SORRY,  
IT'S  
ALMOST  
TIME FOR  
MY SHIFT!

WE'LL GO  
THERE IN A  
BIT.

WAAAH!

SHI-  
HARU-  
TAN!!

HEY, THAT  
GIRL JUST  
NOW WAS  
SUPER CUTE,  
WASN'T SHE?

AL-  
RIGHT.

I'LL GIVE  
YOU A  
TREAT!

MATSUNA-  
GA-SAN, YOU  
GUYS TAKE  
YOUR TIME  
TO LOOK  
AROUND  
BEFORE  
COMING.

LET'S TALK TO  
HER IF WE  
MEET HER IN  
ANOTHER  
CLASSROOM.

THE ONE IN  
THE LITTLE  
RED RIDING  
HOOD COS-  
PLAY?

I THINK  
SO TOO!

.....





While I was editing the manuscript for volume 3, I received a proposal from Hana to Yume\* to hold an 'Illustration contest for the twins' cartoon character costume'!

I'm pretty sure that readers who have supported the contest have also bought this book, so I'm taking this opportunity to thank you!

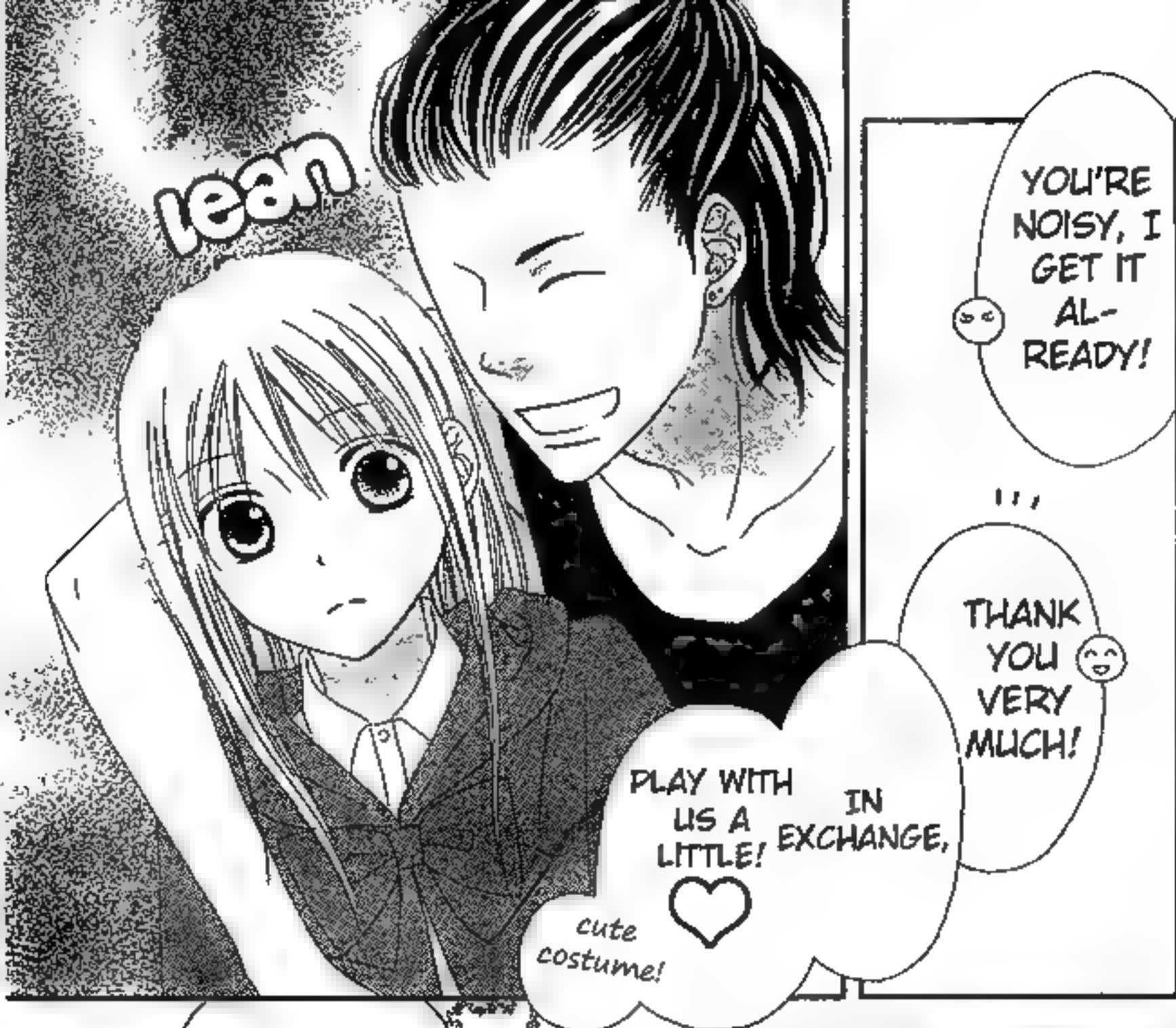
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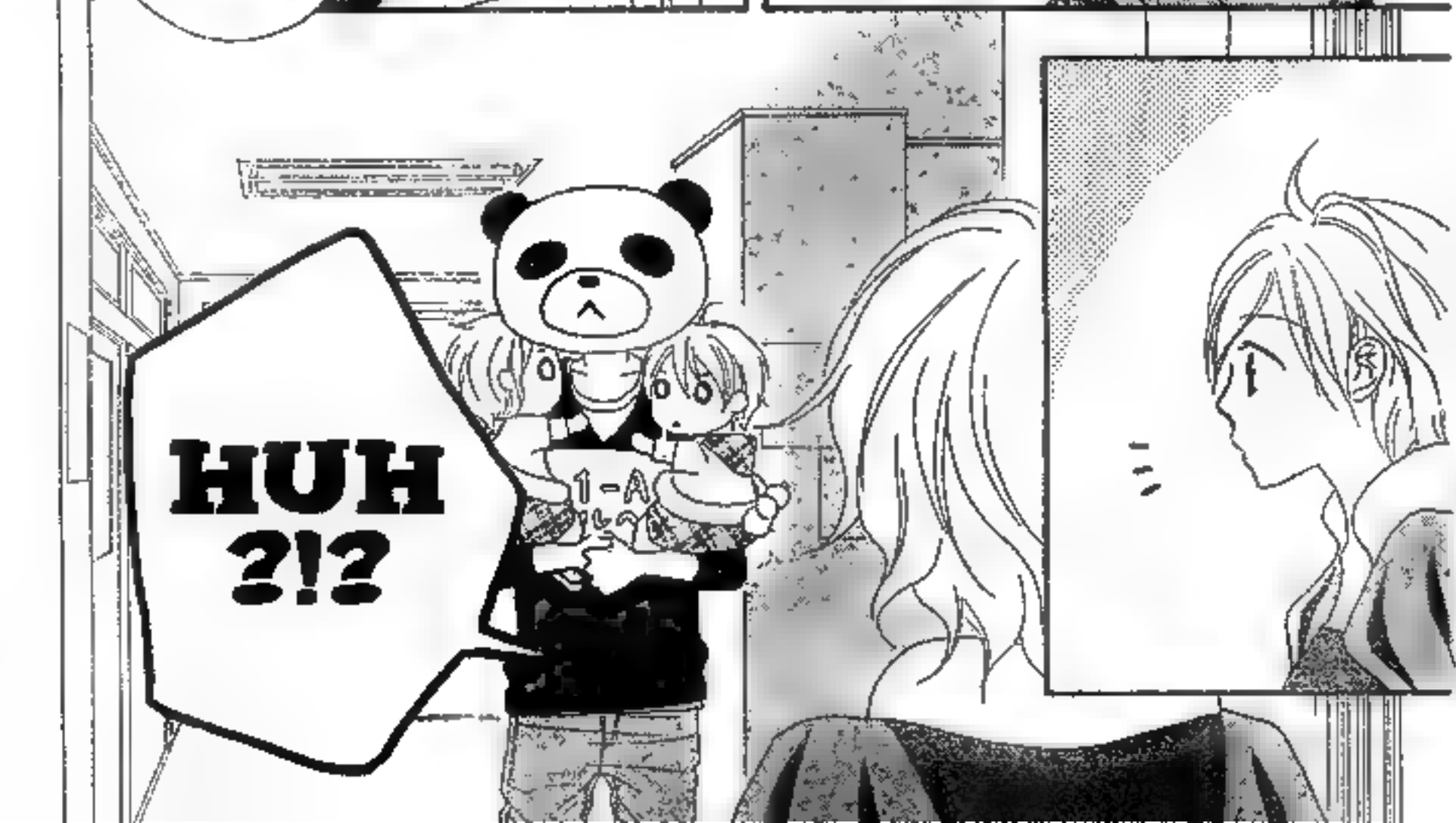
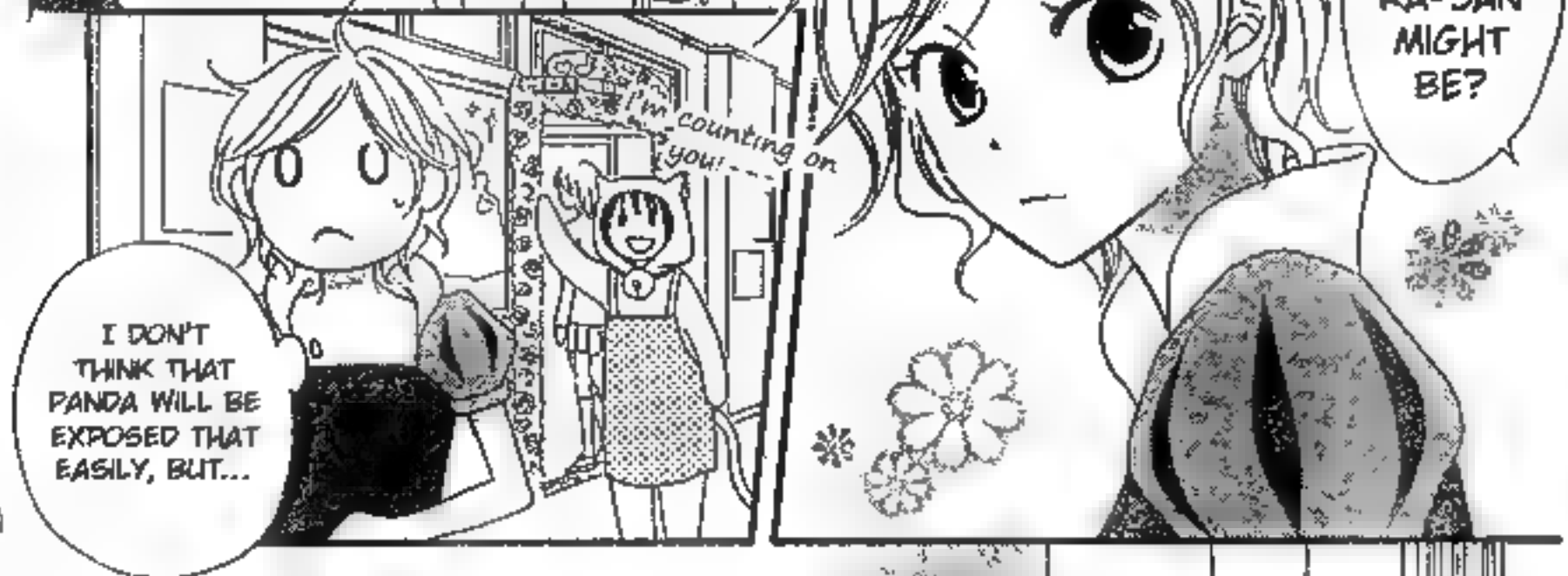
Thank you very much for the cute entries!

T/n

\*Hana to yume is the monthly magazine Love So Life is being published in









SHE SAID IT WAS TIME FOR HER SHIFT AND WENT BACK FIRST...

YEAH.

WEREN'T YOU TOGETHER WITH SHIHARU!?

ARE YOU SERIOUS? BUT I'LL GET THRASHED BY THOSE GUYS IF I HELP HER...

SHOULD WE FIND HELP?

HEY, THAT GIRL OVER THERE...

THOSE GUYS STARTED HARASSING HER A MOMENT AGO.

AHH!?

SHI-HARU!?



EE — H!?

EH-

PLEASE LOOK  
AFTER THESE  
TWO FOR ME.



PUNK

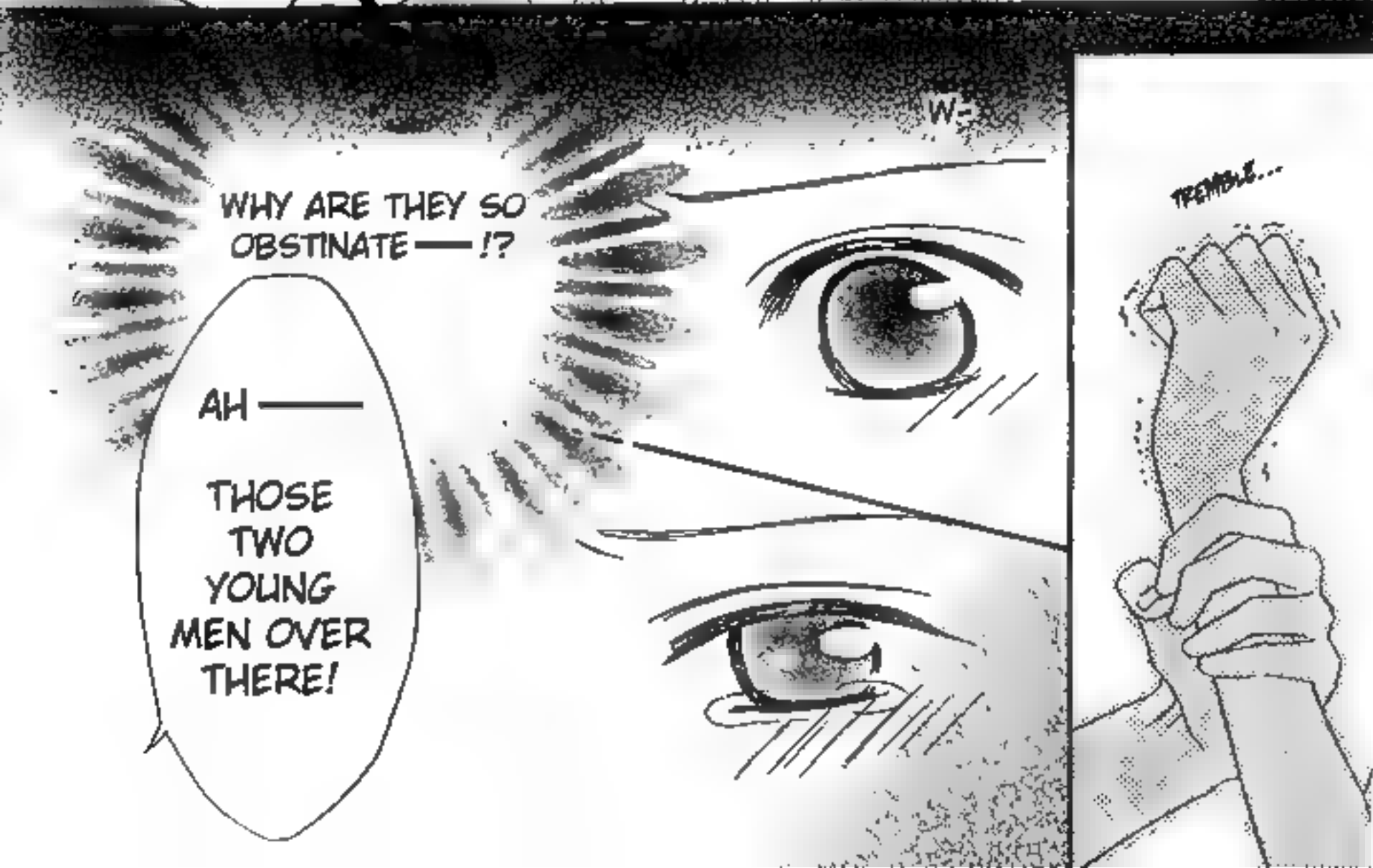
sorry



IT'S FINE  
FOR JUST  
A BIT,  
RIGHT?

NO!!!

PLEASE  
LET GO!



WHY ARE THEY SO  
OBSTINATE — !?

AH —

THOSE  
TWO  
YOUNG  
MEN OVER  
THERE!

TREMBLE...

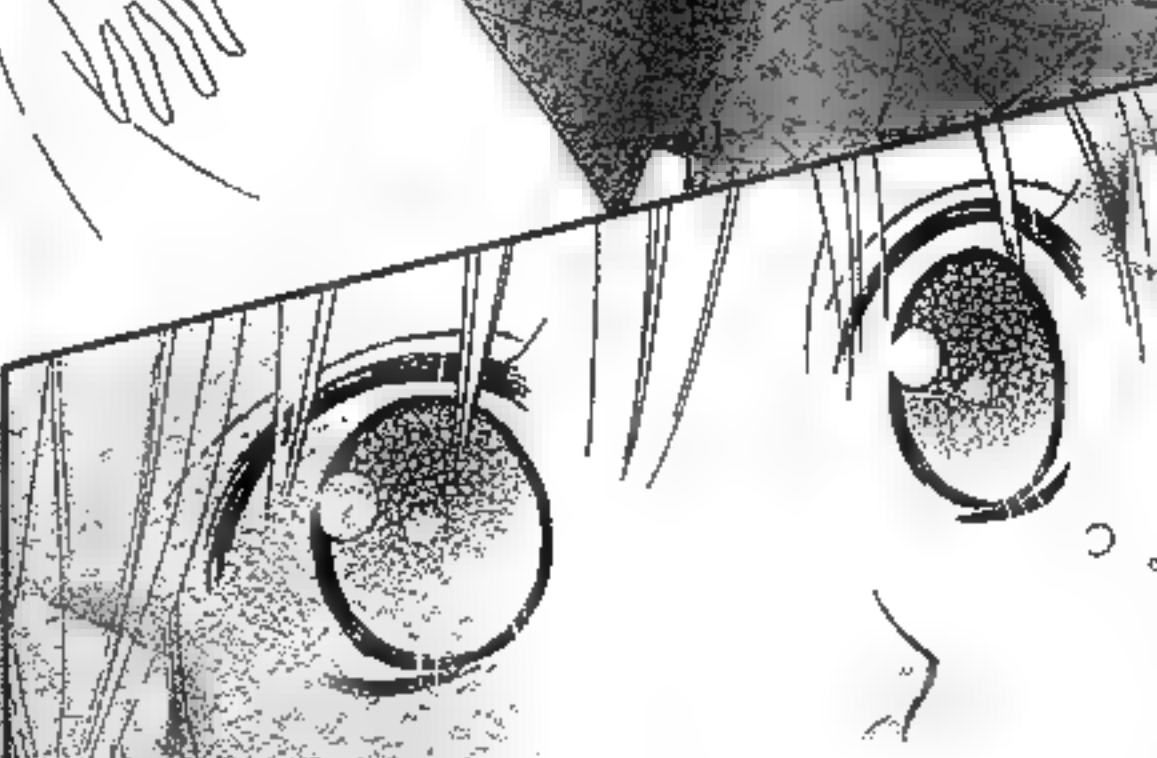


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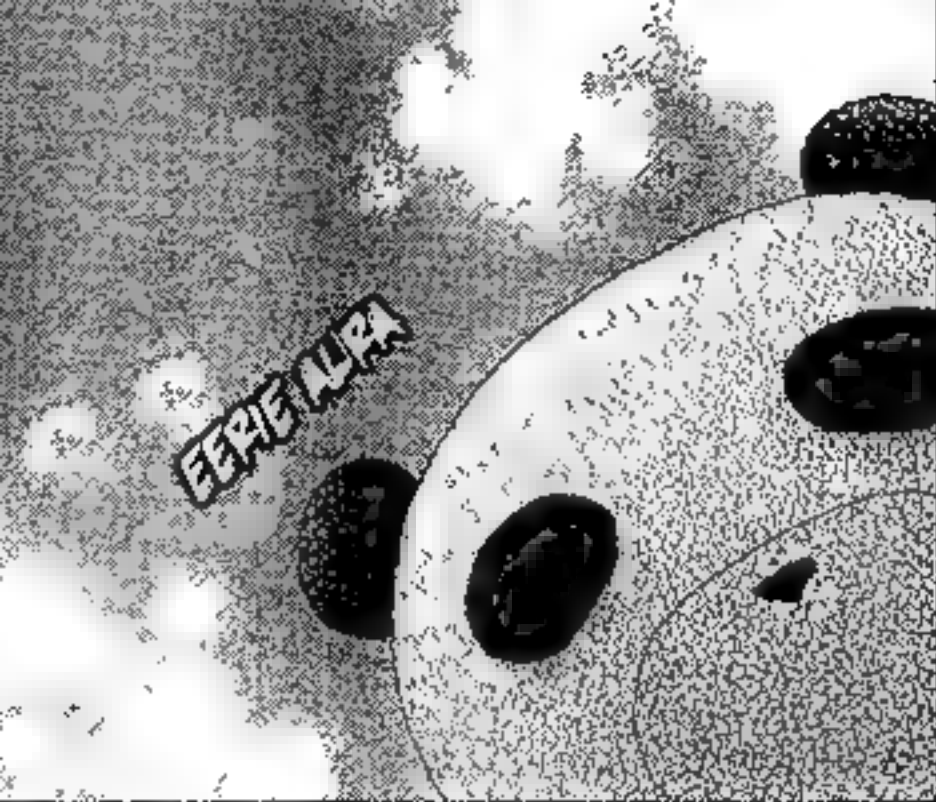
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FLIRTING  
ZONE.

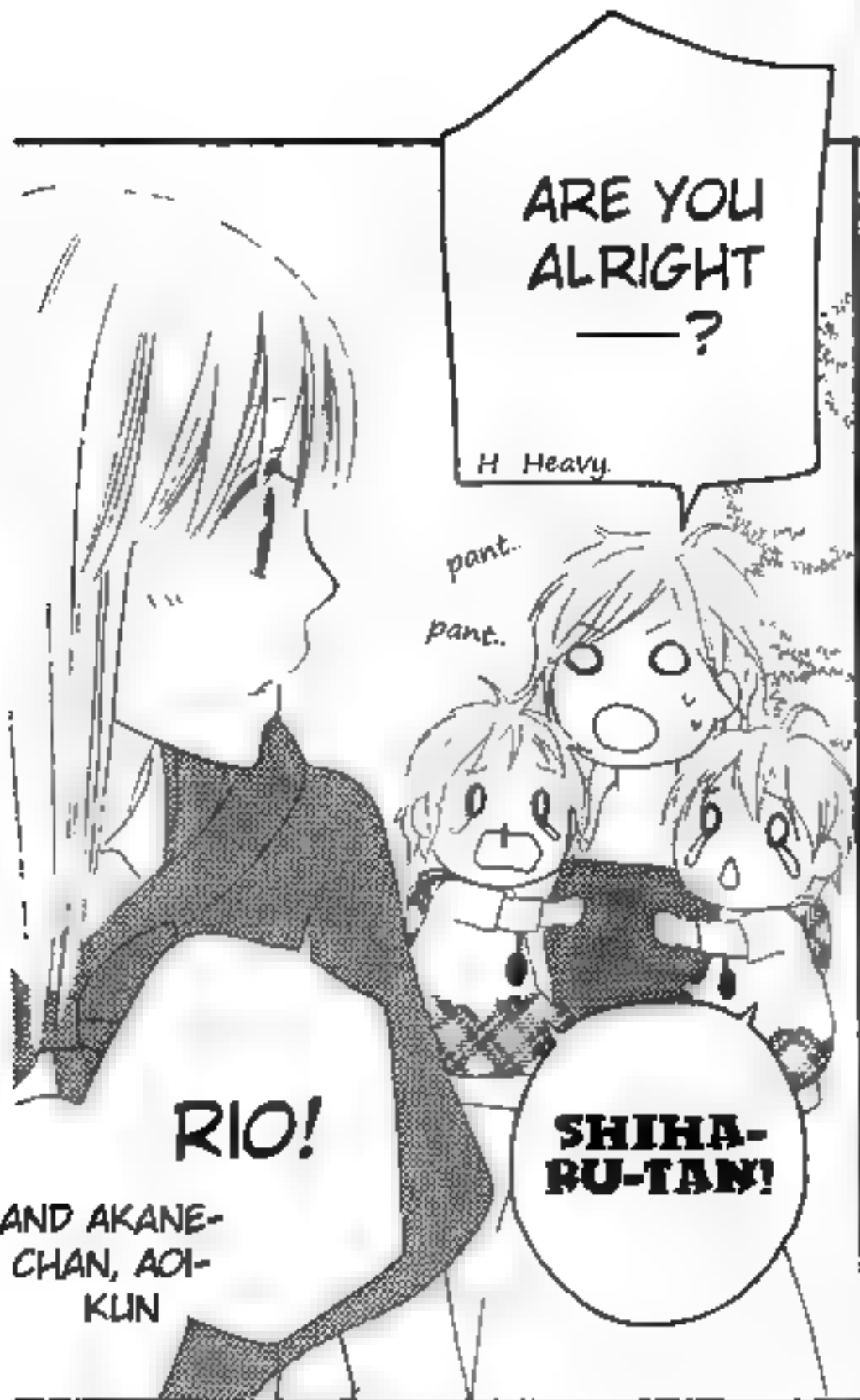
1-A

ve









ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT  
—?

H Heavy.

pant..

pant..

**RIO!**

**SHIHA-  
RU-TAN!**

AND AKANE-  
CHAN, AOI-  
KUN



Matsunaga-san...  
He came to help  
me—...?

**SHI-  
HARU  
—!**



PUTTING  
THAT  
ASIDE, I  
HAVE A  
BETTER  
OPINION OF  
HIM NOW.

HE WENT  
TO SAVE  
YOU  
REALLY  
QUICKLY!

HE'LL BE  
FINE! HE'S  
AN ADULT  
AFTER  
ALL.

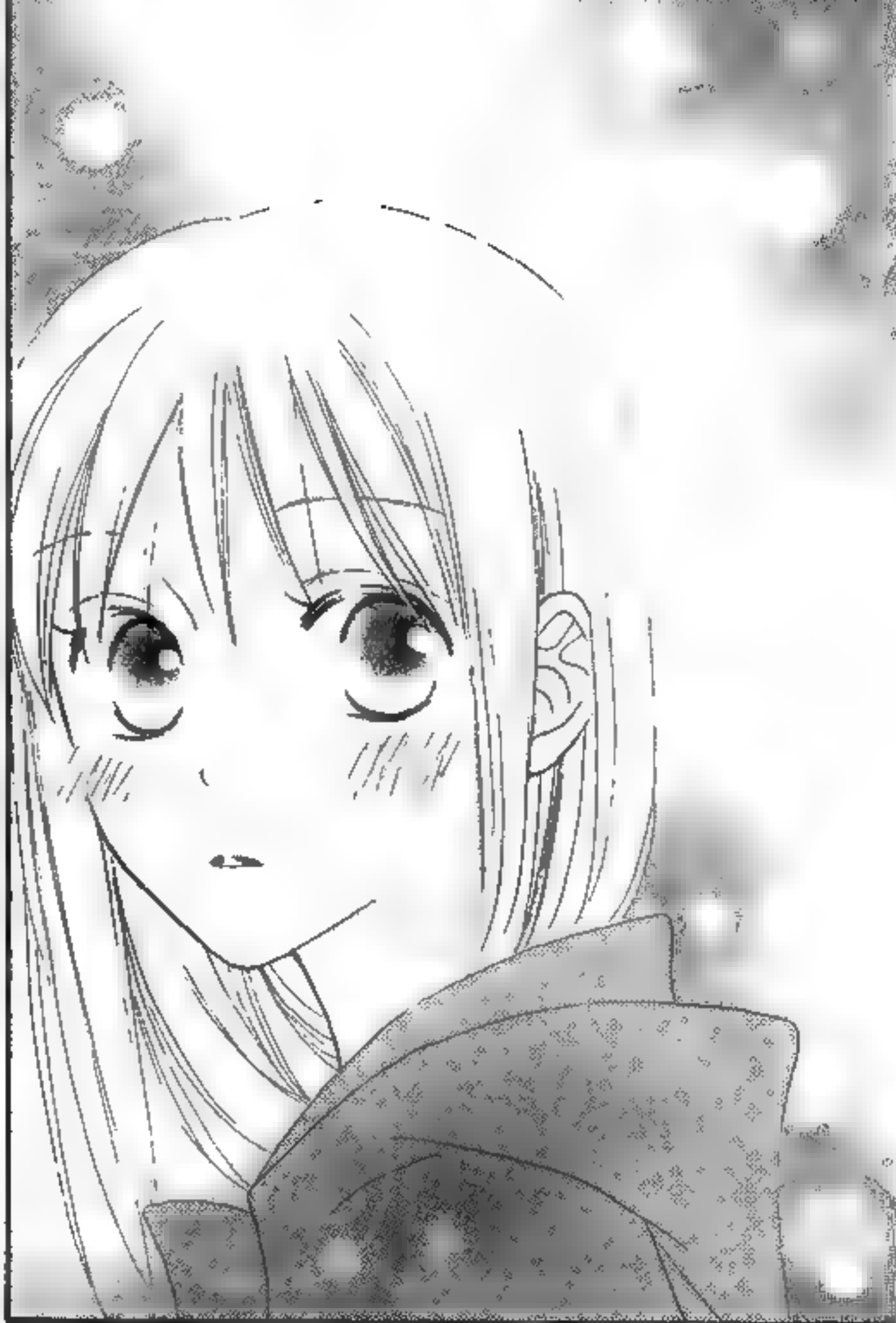
YEAH...

**PANDA  
WAS  
COOL!**

BUT WILL  
HE BE AL-  
RIGHT...?

I  
LAU-  
GHED!







OH  
WELL, I  
GUESS  
IT'S  
FINE.

.....

See ya~  
Ahahaha!

delishis!

Udon - lightly  
seasoned  
250 yen

Potato a la mode  
candied sweet potato  
with vanilla ice cream  
200 yen

Please use the bell on  
the table to call us!

please enjoy! ♡

Rl...

.....





NO...

I  
WANT  
TO  
MAKE  
THEM.

AS A  
THANK YOU  
FOR  
COMING.



WHO IS THAT  
GUY...!?



WAIT,  
YOU  
BAS-  
TARD!

WAA!

WHY—!?

No run-  
ning  
in hall!

Join  
the  
club!





# LOVE SOLIFE

Chapter 16



DON'T  
LET THE  
EQUIPMENT  
GET WET.

MATSU-  
NAGA-SAN,  
PLEASE  
HURRY INTO  
THE CAR!



HERE  
!

THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH.

THE  
FORECAST  
DID A  
SPLENDID  
JOB  
PREDICTING  
WRONGLY.



UNKNOWN  
NUMBER  
...?



EH

THIS IS NIWASHI,  
A CITY IN  
HOKKAIDO.  
EVERY YEAR  
DURING THIS  
SEASON,  
THE  
PUMPKINS

**CUT  
!!**

IT'S  
NO USE,  
PACK UP,  
PACK UP



VRR-R

VRR-R

IT'LL BE  
FINE IF  
IT'S JUST  
A SHOWER,  
BUT

AT THIS  
RATE, WE  
CAN'T  
SHOOT AT  
ALL.

IT'S ME.  
LONG TIME  
NO SEE.



HELLO?  
MATSU-  
NAGA?

AH



YES  
?

**Oikawa  
Shinobu (25)**

*Matsunaga's  
highschool friend*



THEN CALL ME  
WHEN YOU'RE  
DONE. I HAVE  
SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT  
TO TELL YOU

I STILL  
CAN'T  
SAY FOR  
SURE...

SO I  
WANT  
TO GO  
TO YOUR  
HOUSE.

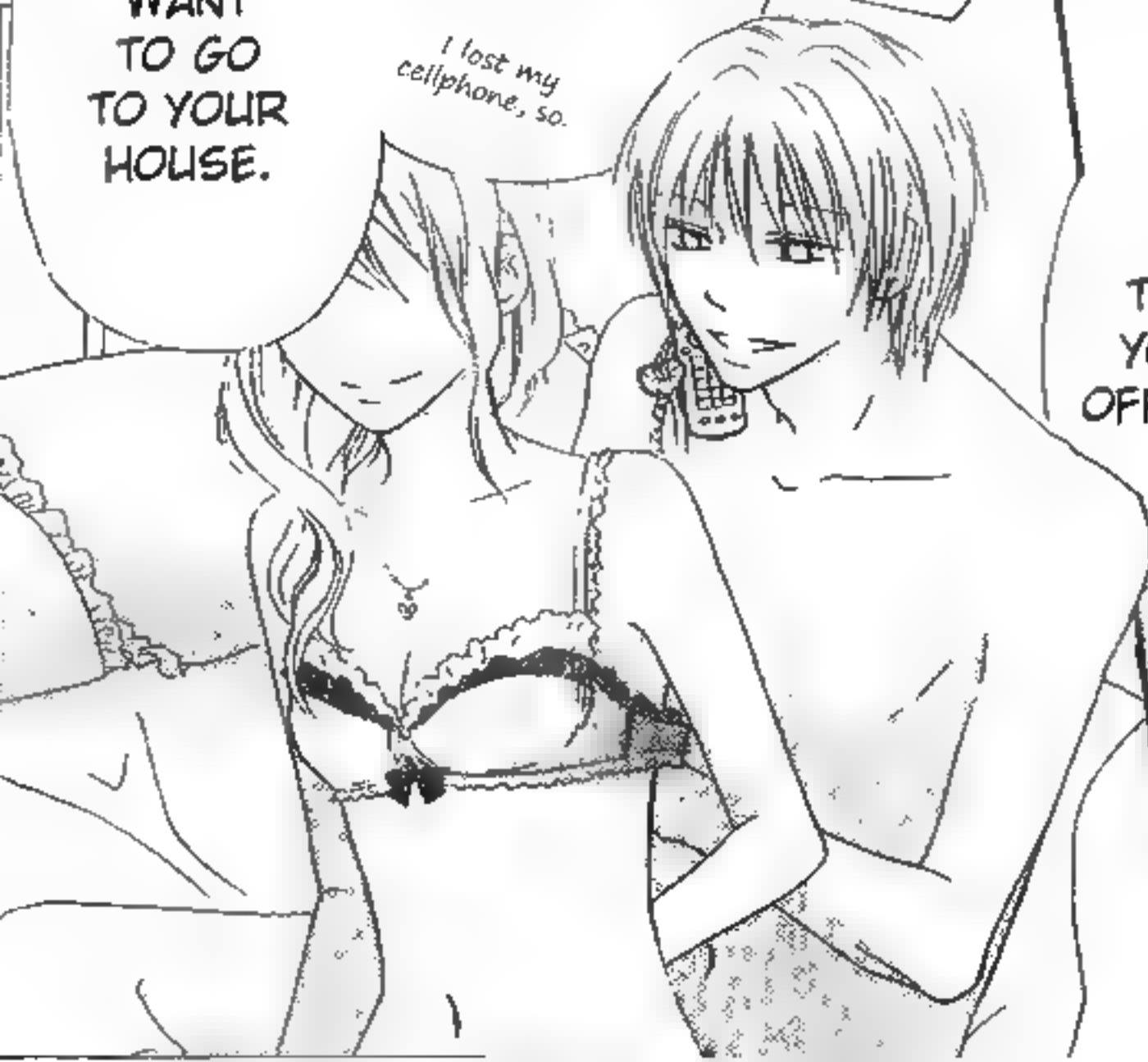
*I lost my  
cellphone, so.*

*Ah sorry  
Are you at work?*

WAIT,  
WAIT JUST  
A MINUTE.

I'M  
REALLY  
SORRY, I'LL  
HAVE TO  
CALL YOU  
BACK LATER.

WHAT  
TIME DO  
YOU GET  
OFF WORK?





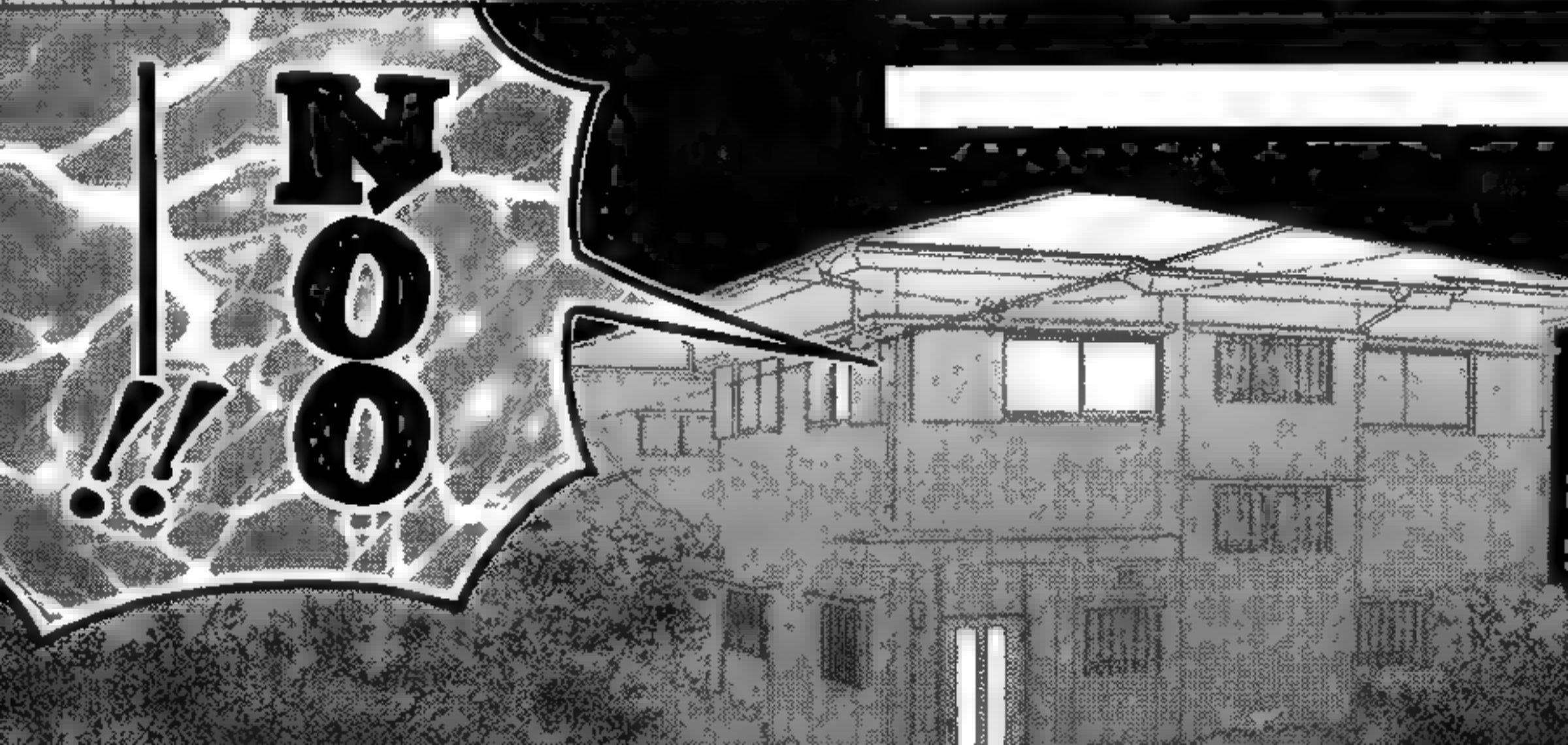


It's fine  
for now



I  
UNDER-  
STAND.

Excuse  
me.



**NO  
MON-  
TERS  
!  
!!**

**Al-  
right**

**it's  
almost  
Halloween.**

**EH  
...  
?**

...

**NO**

**THESE  
AREN'T  
MON-  
STERS,  
JUST A  
BAT AND-**

**AKANE-  
CHAN,  
AOI-  
KUN**

...





LET'S  
DRESS UP  
AS MONSTERS,  
ALRIGHT

?

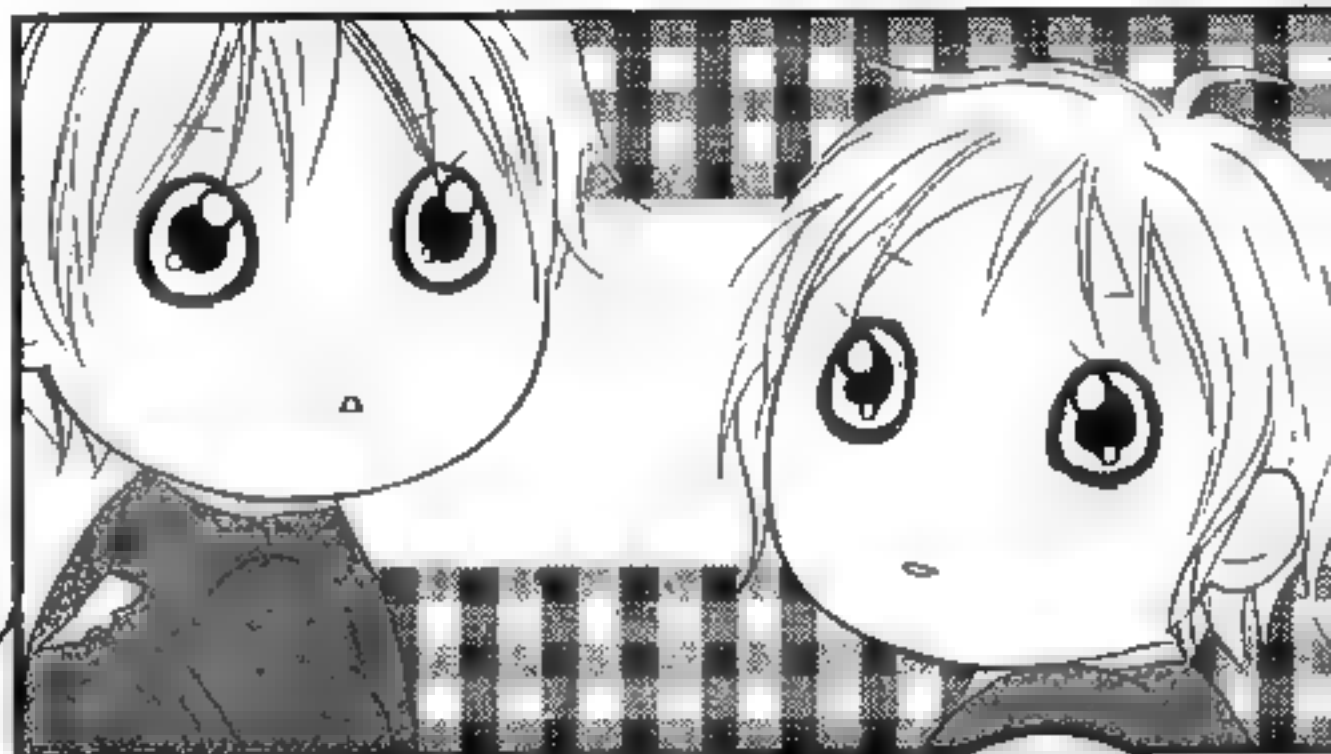
MONSTERS  
AREN'T  
SCARY AT  
ALL!

YOU'LL  
RECEIVE  
TREATS

DURING  
HALLOWEEN,  
IF YOU DRESS  
UP AS A  
MONSTER AND  
SAY "TRICK  
OR TREAT",

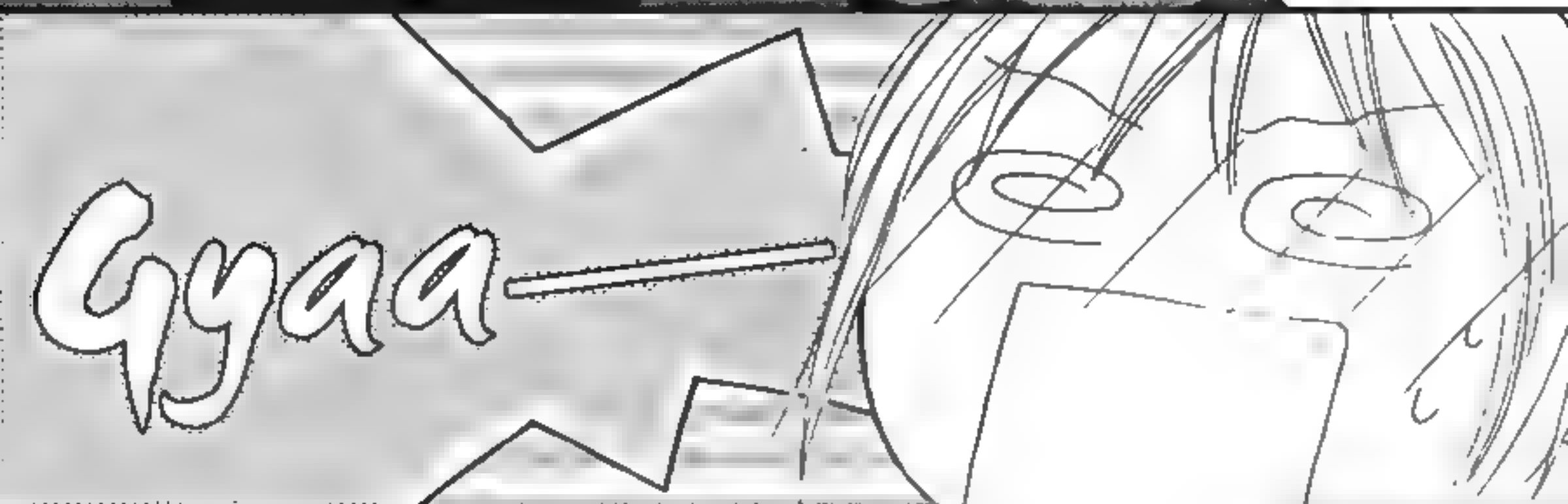
IT MEANS YOU'LL  
GET PRANKED IF YOU  
DON'T GIVE SWEETS.

Haro-  
wiin  
...



**dress  
UP!!**



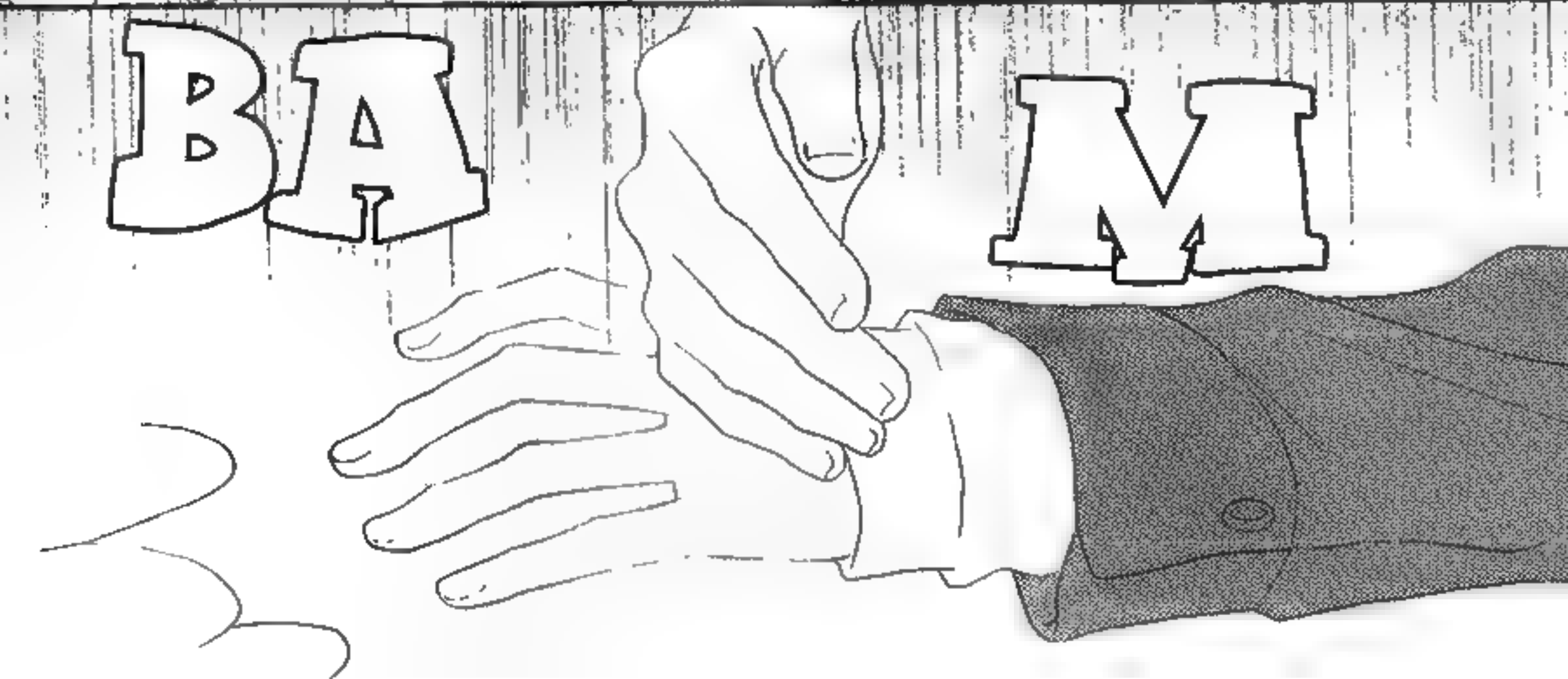
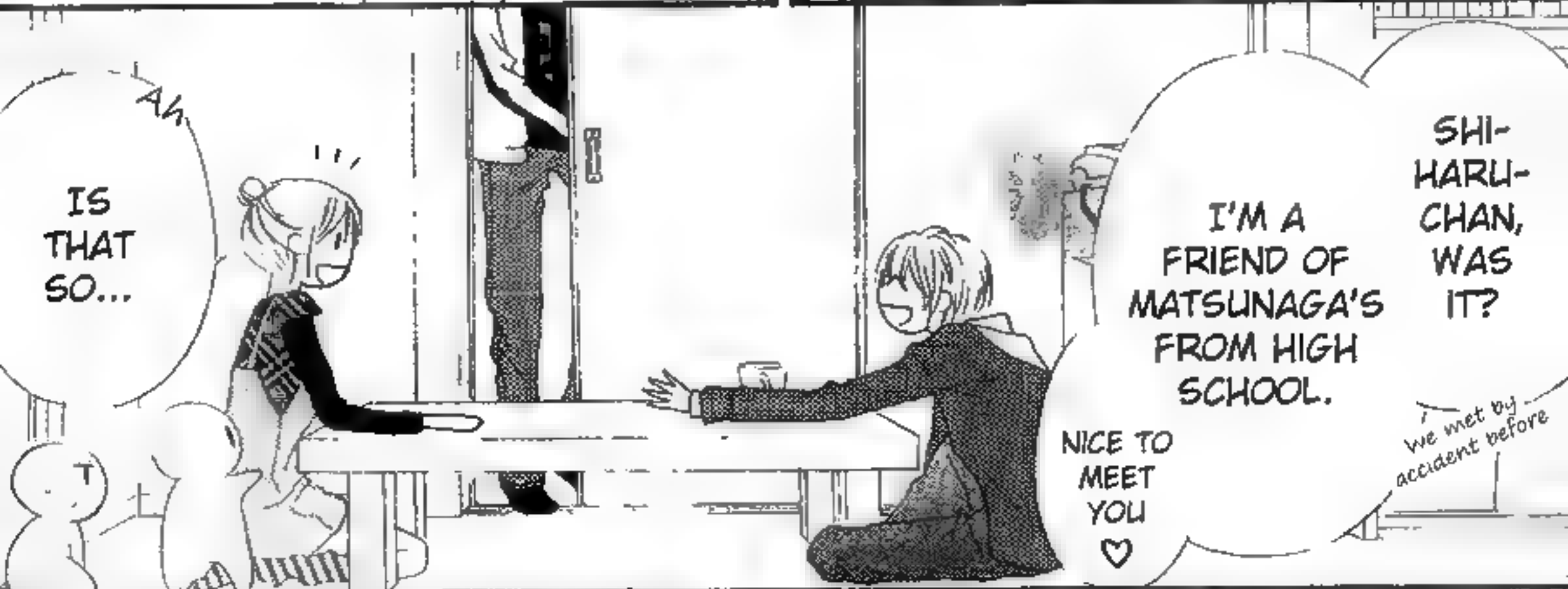


*TRICK OR TREEAAT!!*











HMPH,  
YOU'RE  
SO IM-  
PATIENT.

WHAT'S THIS  
IMPORTANT  
MATTER YOU  
WANTED TO  
TALK ABOUT?

DON'T  
TOUCH  
HER SO  
CASUALLY!

OWIE

...

You're  
mean



UM...  
OIKAWA-  
SAN

MATSU-  
NAGA-SAN  
DURING  
HIGH  
SCHOOL  
...

WHAT  
WAS  
HE  
LIKE?





YES !

YOU  
WANNA  
KNOW  
?

MATSU-  
NAGA-  
SENPAI,  
I LIKE  
YOU...

P...PLEASE  
GO OUT  
WITH ME  
...!

8 Years Ago

MA  
...

MATSU-  
NAGA  
DURING  
HIGH  
SCHOOL

WELL,  
HE WAS  
PRETTY  
POPULAR

Matsunaga Seiji (17)





Your crying face  
is cute too  
I'm worried about  
you going  
home alone.

WHAT'S  
WRONG? TEARS  
FLOWING FROM  
SUCH CUTE  
EYES, YOU  
POOR THING  
...

ARE YOU  
ALRIGHT? CAN  
YOU GET HOME  
BY YOURSELF?  
WHY DON'T I  
WALK YOU?

U...  
UWAHH

OIKAWA-  
SENPAI  
...

What can I  
do those puppy  
dog eyes are

Leaving—

Bitter-  
sweet  
...?

JUST STOP  
TALKING.

AH, SUCH  
BITTERSWEET  
YOUTH...



EH  
...



BUT

Am  
that's  
right



SO HE  
KEPT IT  
TO HIMSELF

THE  
PERSON  
MATSU-  
NAGA LIKED  
WAS A  
TEACHER



The  
Matsu-  
naga-san

during  
high school,  
that I don't  
know about



Just  
shut up,  
already

Don't act like you  
know everything...

Y'KNOW,  
MATSUNAGA  
CARES MORE  
ABOUT HIS  
SOCIAL STANDING  
AND HOW OTHERS  
SEE HIM THAN  
HIS OWN  
DESIRES.





But

I'm sure  
that, since  
high school,

...  
OH

THAT'S  
RIGHT, I  
FORGOT I  
HAD SOME-  
THING TO  
TELL YOU

their relation-  
ship hasn't  
changed...

**I WANT  
TO SHOW  
YOU MY  
HALLOW-  
EEN COS-  
TUME  
FOR THE  
GOUKON\*!**

NO WAIT,  
IT'S IM-  
PORTANT!

GO  
BACK  
AL-  
READY.

...IF YOU  
FORGOT  
ABOUT IT, IT  
JUST MEANS  
IT'S NOT  
THAT  
IMPORTANT.

I'LL  
CHANGE  
MY  
CLOTHES  
SO WAIT  
A WHILE~

\*Goukon is a party con-  
sisting of males and  
females where they get  
to know more about one  
another much like a  
match making session

IT'S AL-  
RIGHT!

I'm looking forward  
to it

SORRY...

Please com-  
promise with  
him.

I THOUGHT IF  
KIDS LIKED IT  
THEN GIRLS  
WOULD TOO.

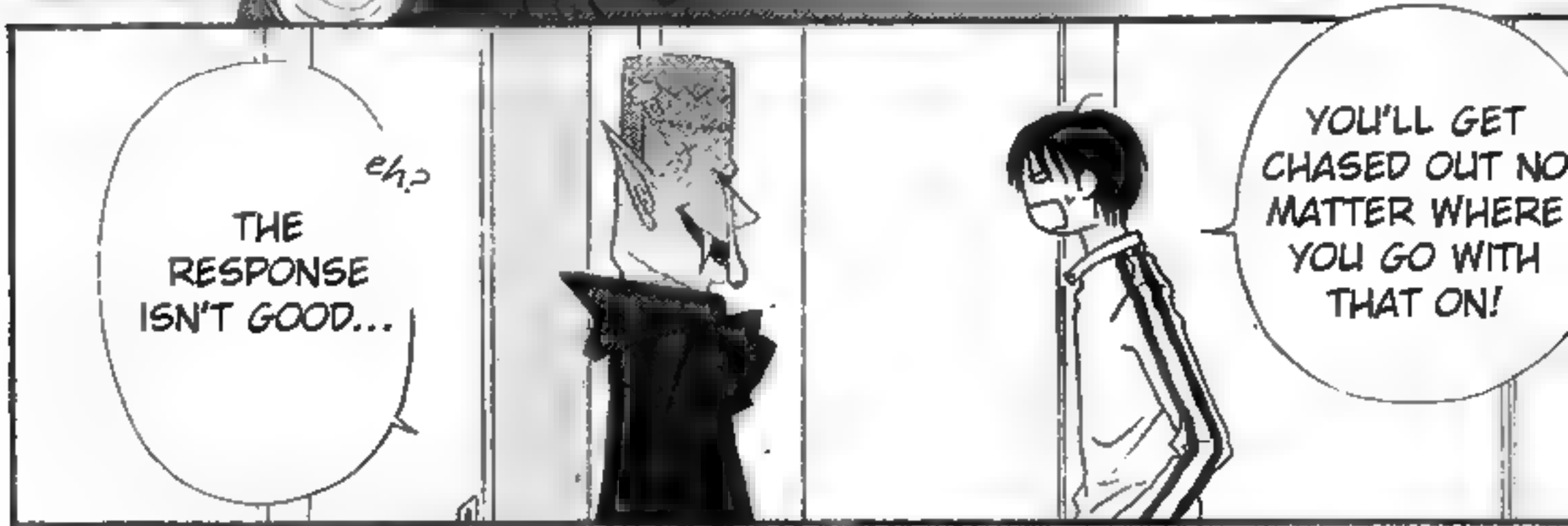
WHY ARE YOU  
GOING TO SUCH  
LENGTHS? IS IT  
REALLY THAT  
IMPORTANT?

SORRY TO  
KEEP YOU  
GUYS  
WAITING!











UGH...  
DON'T WAN'  
MON-  
STA...

THAT WAS  
A LITTLE  
SCARY...

IT'S AL-  
RIGHT!

I'LL PROTECT  
YOU TWO IF A  
REALLY SCARY  
MONSTER  
COMES!



SO RELAX  
AND SLEEP,  
OKAY?





I'll be  
here...

until you two  
fall asleep...

It's not  
scary~





...WHAT  
DO I  
THINK...?

what's with  
that?

SO —  
...  
WHAT DO  
YOU  
THINK OF  
SHIHARU-  
CHAN?



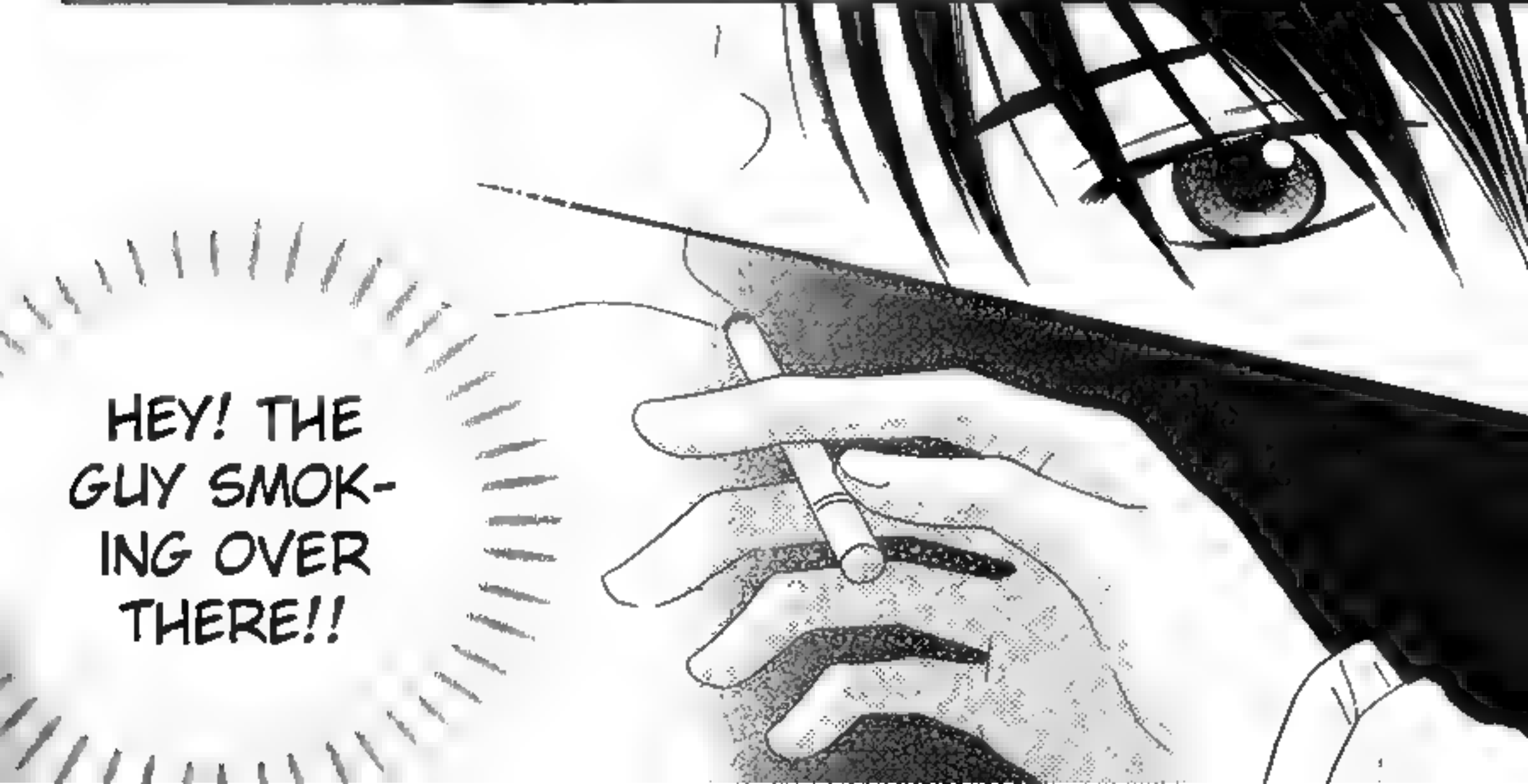
IT'S NOT MY  
FAULT IF YOU  
LOSE SOME-  
THING BECAUSE  
OF YOUR OWN  
ETHICAL  
REASONS.

MAT-  
SU-  
NAGA,  
YOU'RE  
TOO  
OBSTI-  
NATE.



I DON'T WANT  
TO HEAR THAT  
FROM SOME-  
ONE WITHOUT  
INTEGRITY  
LIKE YOU.

.....







THERE'S NO WAY THEY'LL WAIT.

The teacher's bad at chasing.

GOOD GRIEF.



RUN!

THAT'S BAD, IT'S MIYANO!

AH!! WAIT!!



click

AHH, THEY DROPPED THE BOX...

What a waste

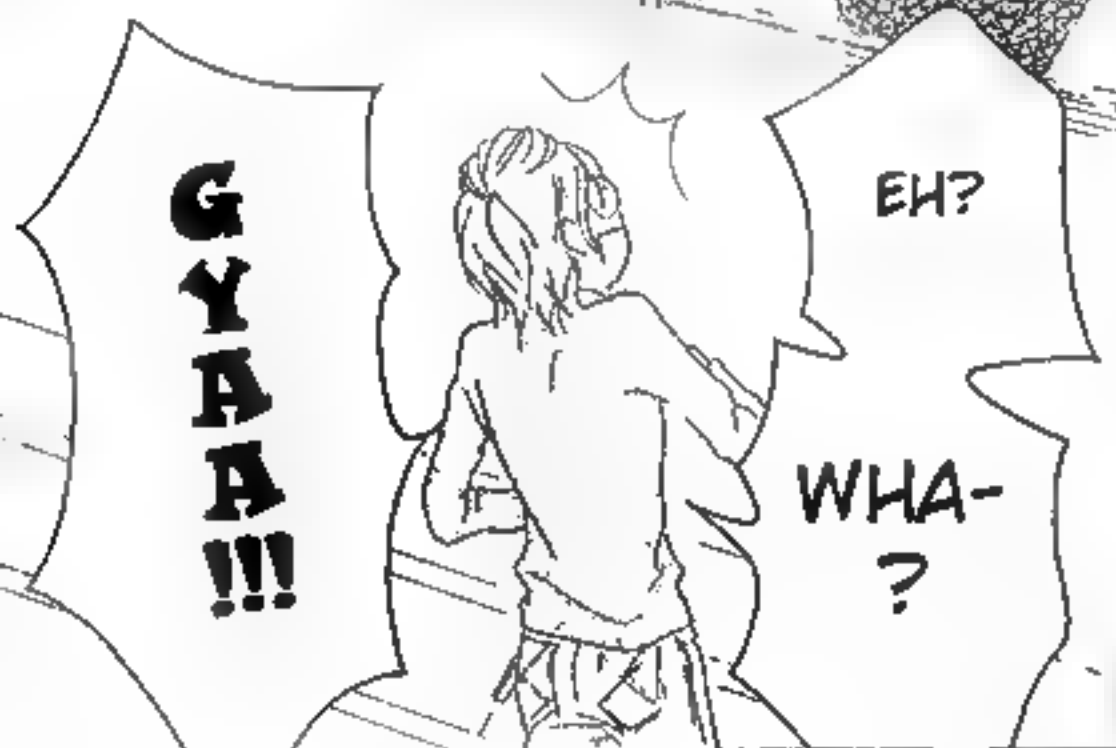
EXPO-LO





MIYANO-SENSEI

YOU SMOKE?



GYAA!!!

EH?

WHA-?



YOU FOUND OUT THE SECRET OF THE BEAUTIFUL, REFRESHING, POPULAR STUDENT COUNCIL TEACHER...!!



Y-YOU WERE WATCH-ING!?!



huh?



IT'S FINE IF I DON'T SAY ANYTHING, RIGHT?

I UNDER-  
STAND.

alright  
alright

IT'S MY IMAGE THAT'S THE PROBLEM!



YOU'RE OVER 20 YEARS OLD, SO IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF PEOPLE FIND OUT...

I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE!



it's  
just

REALLY?

one of my  
high school  
memories

now...

how embarrassing

THANK  
YOU!

MAT-  
SU-  
NAGA-  
SAN

THAT'S RIGHT;  
MY PARENTS  
KEPT NAGGING  
ABOUT IT, SO  
I'LL JUST MEET  
HIM...

EH?  
GOING TO AN  
ARRANGED  
MARRIAGE  
MEETING?

SENSEI  
IS?

My  
childish  
feelings

Those  
were...

drop



I'LL BE  
GOING  
HOME  
SINCE THE  
TWO FELL  
ASLEEP.

I SMOKED  
FOR A  
SHORT  
PERIOD OF  
TIME...

NO, JUST  
FOR  
TODAY...

YOU  
SMOKE!?

AL-  
RIGHT.

sorry



COULD  
THAT  
PERSON  
BE...

THE  
"TEACHER"  
THAT WE  
TALKED  
ABOUT  
JUST  
NOW...?



A  
LONG  
TIME  
AGO...

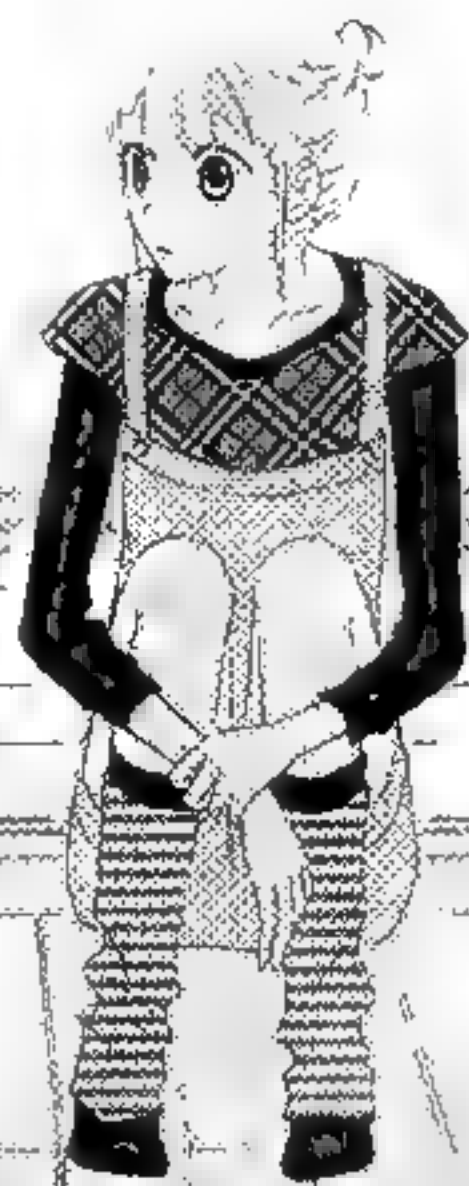
SOME-  
ONE I  
ADMIRER  
SMOKED  
AS  
WELL...

So I imitated her





...ARE YOU  
INTERESTED?





BUT  
WHY  
COULDN'T  
I

ANSWER  
THAT  
RIGHT  
AWAY

?

...

ARE YOU  
INTERESTED?

YES!

JUST LIKE  
HOW I  
ANSWERED  
OIKAWA-SAN  
?



**POSTSCRIPT**



*Thank you for having read until the end!*

*I could never believe that a person like me could get three volumes published so I am still in awe of that. But when I got to read the grateful letters sent to me, receiving encouraging word [the twins are so cute] at the workplace, I thought to myself [I'm glad...I'm glad that I took up the pen and draw]. I would like to express my sincerest*

*thank to my manager & editors at the publishing company, Ashi-san at the workplace, my friends and family and people who have been supporting me by reading Love So Life. I will do my best to make an even better work.*

*Thank you for your patience and please look forward to the new volume.*



*Sp thanks!*

*Sato-pe, Ao-chin, Ifuka-chin, Otsura-chin,  
Eriko-san, Kaori-san, Mini-chan,  
M-No-san, Everyone in the publisher, everyone  
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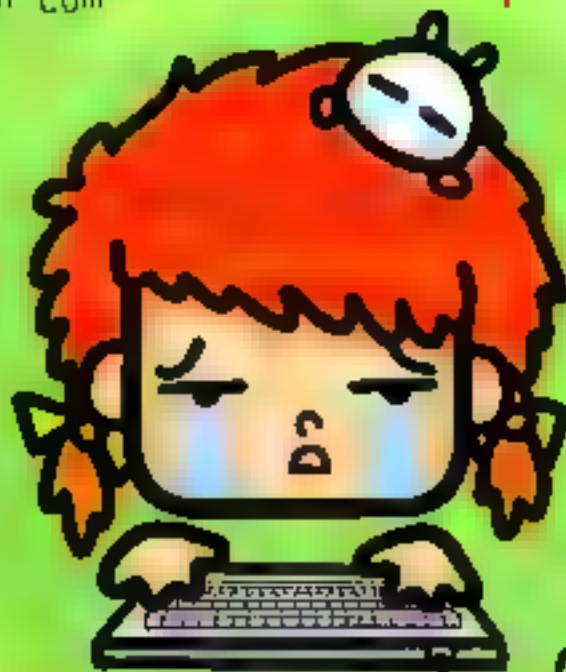


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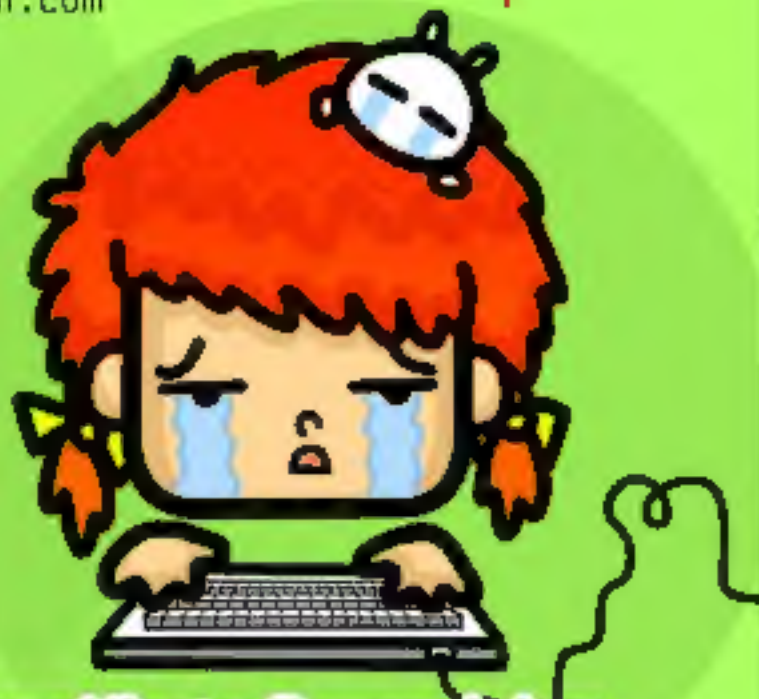


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